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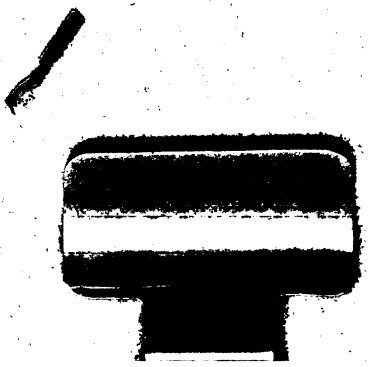

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Second	A. Fischer, Sr.	Corner Summer and Barton	
"	Theodore Horman	1936 Carondelet avenue	1936 Carondelet avenue.
Third	J. H. Amelung	Columbus and Soulard	Columbus and Soulard.
"	C. E. Salomon	930 Winter street	No. 14 North Eleventh street.
Fourth	Wm. Keating	1417 Papin street	Southwest corner Fifth and Market.
"	C. W. Francis	1108 South Seventh street	
Fifth	J. S. Foster	1514 Belmont street	607 Chestnut street.
"	C. A. Spalding	Southern Hotel	109–111 South Fifth street.
Sixth	J. L. Patterson	1921 Olive street	
"	Geo. H. Loker	2938 Locust street	201 North Second street.
Seventh	W. E. Kortkamp	2129 Franklin avenue	2129 Franklin avenue.
"	Jno. J. Sutter	816 Beaumont street	Southeast corner Seventh and Locust.
Eighth	A. J. Geraghty	715 North Eleventh street	717 Olive street.
"	Jno. O'Malley	921 Collins street	1140 North Sixth street.
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1876.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
St. Louis, November 28th, 1876.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN:—The opening of a regular session, and the presentation of the semi-annual reports, create an appropriate occasion for me to submit a brief review of the operations of the government during the fiscal half year just closed, together with such recommendations for legislative action as appear to me calculated to advance the public interests.

MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

It is with sincere satisfaction that I direct the attention of the Council to the financial exhibits in the Comptroller's report, and the gratifying results of the management of municipal finances during the first half of the fiscal year. The operation of the new constitution practically reduced the revenue of the city available for current expenses, yet by a resolute curtailment of public work, and the application of a stern and strict economy to all branches of public expenditure, not only have all our obligations been promptly met, and the aggregate disbursements brought within our revenue, but, for the first time for many

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years, an important reduction of public indebtedness has been effected without the issue of bonds, no means being employed but current revenue; and, at the same time, a cash surplus is shown as between receipts and expenditures of the fiscal year. This remarkable result is partly owing to the classification of city taxes under the constitution, by which a rate is authorized to meet indebtedness; but it would have been impossible without a resolute economy in our general expenditures. It is extremely gratifying to me that this important improvement in our financial basis should arise under this administration, and it is just to add, that my efforts would have been in vain without admirable financial management on the part of the Comptroller, and the co-operation of your Committee on Ways and Means.

The prosperity and efficiency of the city government depend upon the finances, and fully understanding this fact, from experience in the past, I have during the fiscal six months, closing October 9th, 1876, directed my attention particularly to this subject. Within the last four or five years the credit of the city abroad has been greatly extended and strengthened, but the condition of our finances at home has not by any means been equally satisfactory. The fact is, we have been steadily falling behind, as between our income and expenditures, each report of the Comptroller showing a deficiency in the former to meet the legal liabilities of the fiscal year; not, perhaps, to any very large extent, but sufficient, if permitted to continue, to seriously embarrass our finances and increase our floating debt. We were practically living beyond our income, not so much, perhaps, in the matter of salaries and the maintenance of institutions, as in expenditures for public works; and the necessity of curtailment in this direction was clearly perceived by my predecessors in office, and in the fall of 1875, and the preceding year, steps were taken to reduce our expenditures. It was evident to me, when placed at the head of the government, that the first imperative duty of the administration was immediately to bring our expenses within our revenues, and to avail ourselves, as soon as practicable, of the authority granted in the constitution, to extinguish our floating debt by general taxation. The progress made during the last six months shows that we have already brought our expenditures fully within our

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income, and the results foreshadowed in the estimates for the balance of the year make me sanguine that we will soon entirely extinguish the floating debt of the city, except the amount claimed as due the St. Louis Gas Light Company, which I expect to see obliterated by the courts, without payment.

To enable your honorable body to more fully understand our financial condition, without reference to the detailed tables, I present the following brief summary, showing the Treasury transactions during the first half of the fiscal year, ending October 9th, 1876.

The receipts for the payment of interest, and other liabilities, were as follows: Balance in Treasury at opening of fiscal year, April 11th, 1876, $256,510.34. Tax collections, mainly on delinquent lists, $205,285.82. Amount paid by Water Commissioners for interest on water bonds, $90,000, and amount on time deposits and returned on loans, $10,676.66; total collections of this class, $562,472.82. The receipts from taxes, licenses, and miscellaneous sources were $244,488.25, from special collections, $19,213.49, and from street-opening benefits, $15,415.99. To the above figures, which represent revenue and miscellaneous collections, must be added the amount of anticipation revenue notes, authorized at the opening of the fiscal year, viz: $1,500,000, making the total receipts of the Treasury for the first half of year, $2,341,590.55.

The total amount of requisitions for payment out of the Treasury during the half of the fiscal year just closed was $1,789,113.04, less unpaid Auditor's warrants on hand, October 9th, 1876, $47,642.72, leaving the actual aggregate expenditures $1,741,470.32, which shows a balance in the Treasury at the close of the first half of the fiscal year of $600,120.23. Of these expenditures, the amount disbursed for interest on the general bonded debt was $357,273.93, and on water bonds $175,080.00, making the total for interest, $532,353.93. The payments on special and charter funds, including gas bills of last fiscal year and unpaid warrants, were $187,605.43; and on floating debt, due at the date of the adoption of the new constitution, $129,406.03. The aggregate of general governmental expenses was $902,855.88, and these amounts, with $20,891.77

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paid for damages, and $16,000.00 for bonds maturing, makes the total of expenditures above given.

I have examined the estimates for the ensuing half of the fiscal year, prepared by the Comptroller, and find them carefully compiled, and I could not approve of legislation overstepping the recommendations of the Comptroller. The gross figures of the estimates are: receipts, $3,826,532.37, and expenditures, $3,822,992.40, leaving a cash surplus at the close of the year of $3,539.97. The estimated expenditures embrace not only a liberal provision for departmental expenses, but an important reduction of municipal indebtedness, as shown below. There are also included interest payments to the amount of $713,146.07; maturing bonds, $55,000.00; and anticipation notes, $1,500,000.00.

The bonded debt of the city, October 9th, 1876, amounted to $16,307,000.00, showing an actual reduction during the past six months of $11,000.00. During the ensuing half of the fiscal year a further reduction of $204,000.00 will be made, so that the total reductions during the year, through the operations of the sinking fund, will be $215,000.00. The floating debt, at the opening of the year, amounted to $1,044,000.00, and has been reduced during the past six months, $129,406.03. It amounts at present to $914,593.97, of which $622,000,00 is composed of the claim of the St. Louis Gas Company. During the remainder of the year I expect to see this debt further reduced by $192,593.97, composed of coupons due sinking fund and other claims, and also by $100,000 of circulating treasury notes, which will cancel the entire issue of $300,000, and this will wholly release the city from floating debt, except the claim of the St. Louis Gas Company, which I do not think the city will have to pay. In addition to these reductions in bonded and floating indebtedness, the deficiencies of prior years, represented by balances due special funds, have been covered by cash to the amount of $355,434.98, which will make the total reduction considerably over one million of dollars, a financial result that is certainly satisfactory and encouraging to all persons interested in the financial status of the city.

There are now in circulation only about $28,000 of Treasury

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Notes, and I recommend their complete retirement, and that those now in the Treasury be destroyed, as I see no reason for their re-issue.

I recommend further, the strictest economy in appropriations, and that no public work be authorized, except when demanded by the most urgent necessity.

Lastly, I recommend that the subject of reducing the rate of interest on the securities of the city, hereafter to be issued, receive the consideration of your honorable body. The rate at present paid is 6 per cent. on the bonded debt, but in view of the financial position of the city, the price commanded by our bonds, and the absolute security underlying our credit, I question the necessity or propriety of paying so high a rate of interest. It is not a matter, however, for hasty or ill-considered action; but, as it involves a large saving of money, it should be carefully considered, and, for the purpose of acquiring information, I have taken some steps to ascertain the views of parties largely interested in our securities. I am certainly of the opinion that a 5 per cent. bond would ultimately command the same price paid for our bonds under the old rate.

REDUCTION OF TAXATION.

I greatly desire to see a reduction of taxation in this city, because there is nothing that exerts a more depressing influence on municipal advancement than heavy taxes, and the present rates enforced are unquestionably oppressive, aggregating (including State, City, County and School taxes) over three and two-fifths per cent. Owing to defects in our tax laws, a large proportion of the taxable values classified as "personal property," absolutely escapes taxation, and this casts nearly the whole burden on real estate. I am fully aware that it was not possible of late years for the Council to reduce the city rate, as the revenue derived under the maximums allowed, 1 1-2 per cent., and subsequently 2 per cent., was insufficient to meet current expenses. The financial results of this fiscal year, as shown by the transactions of the past six months, warrant me, however, in announcing with confidence to the Council and the public, that the rate of city taxes can be

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reduced next year. When the floating debt of the corporation is entirely paid and extinguished, which, as shown above, will in all probability be accomplished before the close of the present year, the city tax will be levied only for two objects, viz: to pay interest on the bonded debt and to meet current expenses, and for these purposes not more than 1 per cent. can be levied for the latter, and only such a rate for the former as is necessary to meet the obligations of the current year. Under such circumstances, a material reduction can be made in the tax rate, and with continued economy in public expenditures, and the further reduction of our bonded debt, the rate ought soon to be fixed at figures satisfactory to all property owners, and calculated to stimulate investments of capital, and the growth of the city generally. Real estate certainly bears an undue proportion of the burden of taxation, which is all the more oppressive, as the assessment is very often based on fictional values, it being impossible to *sell* the property, under the most favorable circumstances, at the figures assessed on it. This condition of affairs renders it desirable that the Council should attentively consider that portion of our revenue derived from miscellaneous sources, licenses, etc. If the annual yield in this direction can be increased, it will facilitate the reduction of taxes on real estate, and I respectfully recommend, that in the revision of the general ordinances, now before your honorable body, the schedule of licenses, and all dues and charges similar in character, be carefully revised, so as to make this portion of our revenue more thorough in operation, and consequently more profitable to the city. I am not in favor of increasing these charges arbitrarily, but of equalizing and extending their operation, so as to increase the revenue, without oppressing any particular trade, business or occupation.

THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

In every large city it is, I think, necessary that there should be a full registration of the qualified voters, as, without some such system, it is impracticable to secure a fair expression of the popular will. It is of the utmost importance, however, that any law on this subject should be simple, practical and thorough

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in its provisions; for if it be otherwise, it will work incalculable mischief, by confusing elections and disfranchising qualified voters. The present law controlling this important matter in this city, while possessing some excellent features, is defective in several particulars, which I will briefly indicate to your honorable body, so that the proper influence may be exerted to secure the necessary amendments during the approaching session of the Legislature.

The concentration in one office of the work of registering the whole vote of the city creates serious inconvenience to the public; and while I think the present office of Recorder of Votes should be retained, as creating a centre of responsibility and a supervisory head, yet he should be authorized, in effecting a thorough registration, to open branch offices, under charge of deputies, wherever it may appear necessary. Again, the time allowed for the printing of the lists, after correction by the Board of Revisors, is too short to admit of the work being performed with strict accuracy. Registration should close at least fifteen days before the election, and proper provision should be made for the accommodation of those changing residence within ten days previous to any election. The Board of Revisors should meet with the Recorder at least thirty days before any general election, and should close their labors AFTER the office is closed for registration, and thus afford them an opportunity to revise the newly registered lists. As it is, the Board have no opportunity of examining the names registered within two or three days previous to the closing of the office of the Recorder of Votes.

In reference to the Board of Revisors and the Judges of Election, in whose hands are lodged trusts so important to the people, and so dearly valued, I think it is eminently necessary that there should be the strictest safeguards for competency and honesty. Both should be appointed for a definite term—say one year—and exempted from jury duty, and, at the same time, authority should be vested in the Mayor to remove them forthwith, upon proof of misconduct in office. Such positions should only be held by men in whom the community have implicit confidence; and, until they are so filled, the management of our elections will never be wholly protected from the suspicion of

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fraud. The Revisors possess the power to strike names from the lists before the election, and the Judges to reject votes at the election; and absolute as is this authority over the suffrage of citizens, almost the only guarantee for its right exercise is the personal honor and integrity of the men appointed. It is this fact that makes it so vital that the appointments should be made from the best class of citizens; and, although I do not understand how any citizen can honorably decline to perform so important a public service, yet an exemption from jury duty would be a strong inducement to accept the positions when tendered. Certainly, until our representative citizens take a more active interest in the management of elections, it will be difficult to place it above reproach.

In reference to the posting of printed lists in the vicinity of the polls, the Recorder of Votes is of the opinion that it involves an unnecessary expenditure of money, without any corresponding benefit, and that it affords repeaters and unscrupulous politicians a facility for fraud, and for the same reason that the indiscriminate distribution of the lists over the city should not be allowed. I warmly approve of the increase made in the number of voting places at the last election, because it greatly facilitates the delivery of a full vote, and has a direct influence towards preventing fraudulent practices. In a small election precinct it is not only much more difficult for evil disposed persons to poll spurious votes, but, as it prevents crowding, the people are saved delay, and otherwise guarded against many annoyances.

In presenting these points for the information of the Council, I am actuated solely by the desire to improve the management of municipal elections. The present law was, it is stated, drafted somewhat hastily towards the close of the session, and it is desirable that the influence of the city government should be exerted to secure its proper amendment. With this in view, I respectfully recommend that your honorable body memorialize the Legislature for the necessary legislation, and that a committee of the Council be directed to prepare a suitable bill, and present it to the consideration of the St. Louis Delegation early this winter, so that its merits may be fully canvassed, and action secured at as early a day as possible. In any case,

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whether the law is amended or not, it is necessary that the Council should conform the general ordinance of the city, relating to elections, to the provisions of the statute, as at present many of its features are in conflict therewith, and I recommend that this be done before the winter adjournment.

PUBLIC WORK OPERATIONS.

The expenditures on account of public work exhibit, as before indicated, reductions in all important branches, and yet I do not think the condition of the streets, sidewalks, sewers, etc., is perceptibly worse for the fact. We have not been able, of course, to employ labor to the same extent as with more lavish disbursements, but the course pursued has been for the best interests of the city generally, and during the winter, it is the intention and desire of the administration to employ labor as extensively as the means available will permit in really necessary public work. During the six months which closed on October 9th, 1876, the amount certified to the Auditor, for work chargeable to the various funds and appropriations, was $292,477.18, and, for the purpose of illustration and comparison, I may state that the amount for the corresponding period in 1875 was $442,161.08; in 1874, $612,215.50, and 1873, $639,618.03. The amount assessed as special taxes during the six months was $112,189.81, against $228,123.59 for the same period in 1875, and $318,315.46 in 1874, and $314,882.03 in 1873. Total amount of bills certified for work done under Engineer Department, $404,666.99, and for corresponding period in 1875, $670,284.67. These figures furnish sufficient data to enable the Council and our citizens to understand the extent to which expenses have been curtailed. In what may be strictly called *new* work, such as grading streets and alleys, and in connection with which I have always thought the annual expenses were too heavy, and out of proportion to the revenues available for such purposes, the reduction is even more remarkable. The amount during the past six months for grading was $27,645.43, and for corresponding period in 1875, $98,094.16; in 1874, $149,552.89, and in 1873, $126,990.37. These large reductions have been effected simply by curtailing the progress

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of improvements not urgently demanded, and, as I know of no direction in which economy can be enforced with less inconvenience to the public, or injury to the city's growth, I recommend most earnestly that the policy of the past six months be steadily maintained during the remainder of the fiscal year.

In the present condition of our streets, and under the existing system of constructing and repairing, the annual cost of repairs will always be an important item. The amount expended for the period above named was $111,633.13, and during corresponding period in 1875, $160,791.53; in 1874, $225,066.84 (which embraced purchase of steam roller, about $8,000, and granite pavement at Bridge approach, $33,575.00); and in 1873, $185,511.53. It is evident from this that we have cut down the expenses greatly, but still it is unquestionably a fact that the disbursements, even at the reduced figures for this kind of work, are not satisfactory in their results. In addition to the statements made in the Message to the Spring Session, I have little to add on the subject of street construction and repair as at present carried on in this city. The whole system of spreading broken limestone on thoroughfares, to be quickly ground into powder or churned into mud beneath the wheels of a ceaseless traffic, is unwise and utterly bad. It has not even the merit of being inexpensive, and within the last ten years the amount spent in repairing streets in this way is probably considerably over $2,000,000—a sum large enough to pave all our leading streets with some permanent rock pavement. It is a severe strain on the Treasury to spend public funds on work that needs constant renewing, and I reiterate the opinion that we should inaugurate forthwith a new and better system. In the absence of the necessary means to make an immediate and complete change, we should, as recommended in a previous Message, commence slowly. Let the cost of street repair be cut down to the lowest possible figure—not a dollar being spent except when absolutely required to keep a street passable for vehicles—and each year let as large an amount as can be spared be applied towards the reconstruction of our leading thoroughfares with some well laid stone pavement—granite blocks, if possible. The wooden pavement in the business centre of the city is

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pleasant for public use, on account of its smoothness and freedom from noise, but it is not permanent and is costly to repair. During the last six months the amount spent for this purpose alone was $18,639.69. If a granite pavement could be substituted on the streets exposed to the heaviest traffic, a very large amount would be annually saved in repairs.

During a recent visit to Philadelphia I made some inquiries into the durability of the boulder pavement so generally used there, and found that it could be relied upon, with occasional resetting, for a very long term of years. On Arch street, where there is a heavy traffic, I ascertained, from the foreman of a gang of men engaged in resetting the stones, that the pavement had been untouched for nearly sixteen years. This pavement is extremely trying on horses, but otherwise it is agreeable, and while not, perhaps, available for our use, yet the facts stated show the incalculable benefit of good stone roadways. I do not think there is a large city in the world using broken limestone to anything like the same extent we are doing in St. Louis, and it is certainly time that we made a vigorous effort to profit by experience, and abandon its use on all leading thoroughfares, particularly when our finances require it. In reference to suburban roadways and streets not exposed to heavy wear, macadamizing may always be used, but either sand, gravel, cinders or some similar material should be spread over the surface of the fresh stone. Unless this is done, a good roadway, even in such situations, will seldom be obtained, and the disintegration of the stone is much more rapid. In this connection I may state, as an illustration, that my attention has just been called to Jefferson Avenue, between Lafayette and the Gravois Road, where there is an active travel, and a covering of fresh broken rock has just been laid. No top dressing with any material was provided for, and the consequence is that the teams have been driven, in many places, over the sidewalks or partially in the gutters, and the whole contour of the street is in a fair way of serious injury. It is an outlying street, with but little police supervision, so travel cannot be controlled, and a roadway is being cut along the eastern edge of the street, and will soon be beaten down and in ruts, when the centre of the avenue is hardly without a

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mark of use. All this can be prevented by spreading a top dressing, even if only in the center of the street, and if there is no money to provide for gravel or cinders, I am of the opinion that a scattering of dry earth would be very much better than nothing. Broken stone will not pack of itself, and if it packs beneath travel, it is only on account of the pulverizing of the edges of the stone and the carrying in of particles of dust and mud in the passing of horses and vehicles. I renew the recommendation that in all cases where broken stone is used for any large extent of surface, that top dressing be directed, at least in the centre of the roadway.

The amount spent during the six months on the wharf and harbor was $17,679.91, and for the corresponding period in 1875, $32,481.69, and in 1874, $66,752.63. In work on the public sewers the expenditure was, for the same period, $29,-533.13, and for 1875, $92,312.57, and in 1874, $87,598.43; so that in these important departments, as elsewhere, the curtailment of operations is quite evident. The cost of operating the Engineer department has also been economized, the amount for the last six months being $15,256.14, against $18,019.91 in 1875, and in 1874, $19,670.73, and in 1873, $17,344.06. The miscellaneous expenses for work in charge of the department were: construction of bridges, etc., $18,483.34; construction and repairs of scavenger dumps, $2,260.59; and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing public lamps, since August 1st, 1876 (including cost of gas), when the supervision of this work was placed in charge of the City Engineer, $62,205.35. The expenditure under this last item I consider much heavier than necessary, and I expect to see it materially reduced before the close of the fiscal year, as explained elsewhere. The figures reviewed in this summary of public work operations do not embrace work done under the supervision of the department by order of Board of Health, the Comptroller, and the House of Refuge Managers, aggregating something over $5,000.

The recommendation of the City Engineer for the regulation of the width of wagon tires, by ordinance, is deserving of attention, particularly in reference to that class of vehicles used in hauling heavy weights; narrow tires undoubtedly cut into the surface of streets and increase the cost of repairing. As to the

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suggestion that the work of street-cleaning should be placed under the charge of the Engineer's department, I have no special recommendation to make, as it is only a few years since the work was removed from the charge of the department at the urgent request of the then Engineer, who claimed that it was incongruous with his duties. It may, perhaps, be as well to leave it as it is at present, but the Superintendent might be placed under the supervisory charge of the Engineer in all matters in which co-operation is necessary. The amount expended in street-cleaning during the six months was $40,567.10, leaving a balance of the appropriation made for the fiscal year of $34,432.89, which the Superintendent thinks will be insufficient. The department appears to be carefully managed, but its results can never be entirely satisfactory until our mode of street making is changed. The expenses for the same period in 1875 amounted to $51,389.81, and in 1874 to $76,017.60. I concur in the recommendation for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the reconstruction of Third street, between Christy avenue and Morgan street, and establishing new curb lines, as already agreed upon between the property-holders and City Engineer.

Referring to the pending proposition for the reconstruction of Pine street with asphaltum pavement, which failed of execution owing to a defect in the ordinance passed on the subject, I can not recommend its favorable consideration, should it be revived, unless a majority of the property owners interested concur in the improvement. Sooner or later I am convinced that our tax-payers will come to the conclusion that the reconstruction of our highways can not be generally effected without the co-operation of property owners. They have twice refused to admit this. Once by a vote on the issue of bonds for street purposes, and, more recently, by rejecting proceedings under the bill passed by the legislature, and known as the "Penn Act;" yet, as the growth of the city developes more sharply our urgent need of good streets and handsome drives, property owners will ultimately learn that, in order to get them, we must be willing to pay for them, as is done elsewhere, and that the value of residence property can only be maintained when it fronts on a handsome, clean and permanent street. In the

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present state of opinion on the subject, and although the right of the city to order the work be unquestioned, I am averse to reconstructing a long street with an expensive pavement, unless a majority of those in interest concur in the improvement. The general public has too large an interest in the use of the street to justify putting the whole burden of cost on the property owners fronting thereon, who have already paid for the original roadway, unless. the exigency of the case has created some unanimity among them on the subject. I will add that, from personal investigations made in eastern cities this summer, I am satisfied that asphaltum is not the kind of pavement we want in St. Louis. It not only yields to atmospheric influences readily, but it is not durable under constant wear in a narrow street. It may answer the purpose in Washington, where the great width of the streets protect it from incessant wear, but I am compelled to believe the result would be unsatisfactory on our streets.

The length of sewers constructed during the last six months was nearly two and a half miles, making the total length of sewers now completed about 174 miles. The statements and recommendations of the City Engineer on this subject are commended to the attention of the Council. It is important that work on our public sewer system, particularly as regards the main sewers, should be maintained, and I recommend that all our unfinished sewer lines be carefully examined, and construction be continued as far as the means provided will permit.

MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITALS AND SANITARY INTERESTS.

The portion of the fiscal year already elapsed has been characterized by remarkably good health throughout the city, and an excellent management of the institutions and sanitary interests under charge of the Board of Health, with a general reduction in the aggregate expense. The amounts spent during the six months for the maintenance of hospitals, etc,, were as follows: City Hospital, $27,113.63; House of Industry or Female Hospital, $16,958.77; Small Pox, $3,692.34; Quarantine, $850.84; and City Dispensary, $4,539.47. In addition,

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the sum of $4,859.47 was expended in repairs at City Hospital, not yet quite completed, and $1,813.73 at House of Industry.

During the past year both hospitals have been put in perfect order. The City Hospital has been enlarged and repaired from garret to cellar—particularly the old building. It is now more commodious, better lighted, ventilated, heated, supplied with water, and better in all of the attributes that go to make up a first-class hospital than when it was first built. These improvements were necessary, both for the preservation of the building and for the protection of the health of its inmates. The plaster was saturated with hospital-miasm, the floors were uneven, and so defective they could not be scrubbed without damage to the plastering beneath them. The changes effected will doubtless diminish the death-rate of patients, and shorten their average stay in the hospital, and thus economize the city's finances, as well as mitigate the sufferings of humanity.

In company with my colleagues on the Board of Health, I frequently visit and inspect these institutions, and find every evidence of careful and economical management, and their general condition creditable to the city, and to the professional and executive ability of the resident physicians in charge. In reference to the current expenses, the reduction accomplished demands particular attention, as exemplifying the pervading purpose of this administration. During the fiscal year of 1875 and '76 the aggregate cost of hospital support was $157,494.49, while the expenditures on that account for the first half of the fiscal year 1876 and '77 was only about $47,000. If this ratio of decrease is maintained to the end of the year, as it unquestionably will be, the current expenses of hospitals will be reduced about $62,000 on the figures of last year. This remarkable gross saving of about 39 per cent. in the aggregate cost of hospitals has, strange as it at first appears, been unattended with a proportionate reduction in the daily average cost per capita of maintaining patients, as the stricter supervision over admissions has reduced materially the number treated, and yet in no instance that I am aware of has admission been denied when the applicant was entitled thereto. The daily average number of patients in all the hospitals of the city during 1875 was, according to the figures of the Health Officer, about

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660, and this year he estimates that it will only be about 407, a decrease of considerably over 30 per cent. in the poor sick daily supported by the city.

The administration of the City Dispensary has been conducted with an economy and intelligent solicitude for the public welfare. During 1875, the number of patients sent from this institution to the hospitals was 6,592. From the 1st of January, 1876, to November 13th, 1876, the number sent was 3,076, and the remaining forty-seven (47) days of the calendar year will not increase the number more than 383, making 3,450 for the entire year. This is a reduction of over 52 per cent.; nor has the practice of this economy deprived the truly worthy of needed aid. The number of persons prescribed for at the Dispensary in 1875 was about 30,122. The number in 1876 will not exceed 21,907—a decrease of over 35 per cent. as compared with the preceding year.

It is the belief of Dr. Barrett, Health Officer, that the death rate in St. Louis for 1876 will not exceed 14 per thousand, which indicates a degree of healthfulness not hitherto obtained in any large city in the world. During the six months ending October 9th, 1876, there were 3,777 deaths, against 4,012 for the same months of the preceding year—a saving of life that represents a decrease of nearly seven (7) per cent. in the annual mortality of 1876, as compared with that of last year. This result could not be more satisfactory. It is the index to a vast immunity from poverty, suffering and crime, and the exponent of a vast acquisition of physical, moral and financial strength that powerfully influences the prosperity of the whole community. The scourge of smallpox, that prevailed with greater or less severity for ten years, has, I am happy to state, wholly disappeared.

During the past summer the condemnation of nuisances, including filthy tenement houses, cellars, wells, drains, yards, slaughter-houses, bone yards, etc., etc., has been carried on with unusual vigor. The orders of the Board of Health in reference to them have been enforced with energy, and the number abated was greater than ever. This is specially true of ponds. Many old nuisances of this class, before regarded as hopeless, have, by the determination and energy of the Board, been effectually

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removed. The remarkable improvement in the public health, so obvious in the mortality record, is doubtless greatly due to the beneficial effects of this work.

Among the most important results of the year, so far, is the success of the Board in the courts, where failure had so often attended proceedings, that former Boards have acknowledged their inability to enforce reforms, or effect the abatement of nuisances vitally essential to the protection of the public health. In no case, where the offenders could be brought into the court, has the Board recently failed to enforce its mandates; and the question of the Board's power to abate any nuisance seems fully and finally settled. The establishment of this fact is the only firm foundation on which the hope of sanitary progress can rest, for its successful denial has wrought incalculable mischief in the past.

THE ARSENAL GROUNDS AND THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

The attention of the Council is respectfully requested to the communication addressed to the Mayor from Hon. Edward C. Kehr, member of Congress from the First District, in reference to the sale of the Arsenal grounds, which is submitted as an accompanying document to this message. In the division of the old grounds the portion between Carondelet avenue and Fourth street was dedicated by the Government for park purposes, in connection with the Lyon monument; and, under a joint resolution of Congress, adopted July 11th, 1870, that portion between Second and Fourth streets was ordered to be sold at public auction, with the proviso that the City of St. Louis shall have the privilege of purchasing said ground, at an appraised value, before it is offered at auction. The city has not exercised its option in this matter, and it is desirable that it should be done, either to accept or decline the proposition, so that the disposal of the grounds by the Government may be facilitated, and the unquestionable obstacle which the Arsenal presents to the progress of building and improvement in that part of the city may be removed. I have no special recommendation to make on this subject except that, in view of the courtesy of the Govern-

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ment, I deem it proper that the matter should be promptly considered and disposed of finally. The letter from Mr. Kehr furnishes full information on the subject.

BRIDGES OVER RAILROAD TRACKS.

In the construction of additional bridges across the railroad tracks that intersect our city, I think it is only fair that the expense should be borne by the railroad companies, in consideration of the valuable franchise granted them. Without any agreement or stipulation to that effect, the opening of the Twelfth and Fourteenth street bridges practically surrendered to the companies the entire width of the roadways below, besides releasing them entirely from the necessity of watching the crossings. These are valuable advantages, and the very least that can be asked in return is, that the bridges be built by the companies. It is extremely desirable that bridges be constructed at the crossing of Tayon, Jefferson and Grand avenues, as the concentration of traffic at the Union Depot and the entrance from the west of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railroad have greatly increased the danger and inconvenience to the public. Either bridges must be quickly built, or else the most stringent police regulations enacted to protect our citizens. I do not believe in legislation calculated to embarrass railroad interests which are so vitally associated with the commerce of the city, but justice to our citizens and to property interests in the southern part of the city, requires that the bridges indicated should be built at as early a day as possible. I recommend, therefore, the consideration of the subject, and that the disposition of the railroad companies be ascertained by conference, before any action is determined upon.

REVIEW OF THE LITIGATION WITH GAS COMPANIES.

Since the date of my last general message to the Council, the judgment of the Circuit Court on the trial of the case between the city and the gas companies has been delivered by Judge Gottschalk, confirming the conclusions reached in pre-

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vious opinions, and sustaining the city at all points. The vast importance of this victory to the city and the varied character of the public and private interests involved, render it appropriate that at this time, as we approach the close of this remarkable litigation, I should briefly review its origin and history, and the results which have been achieved for the city.

The St. Louis Gas Light Company was incorporated February 4th, 1837, and by its charter, and the amendments thereto, it was granted the sole and exclusive privilege of vending gas in this city and its suburbs. By this charter, there was reserved to the city the right to purchase the gas works at the expiration of twenty years from January 1st, 1840, at a price to be fixed by arbitrators, to be chosen by the city and the company; and in the event of the city declining to purchase at the end of said twenty years, then it might purchase in like manner at the end of twenty-five years from January 1st, 1840; provided, the city notified the Gas Light Company of its intention to purchase at either of said times, at least six months previous to the expiration of said terms of twenty and twenty-five years, respectively; and a failure to notify was to be deemed a refusal on the part of the city to purchase. It was further provided, that, in the event of a sale to the city of the gas works, all the rights, powers, and privileges granted by the charter, shall be vested in the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of St. Louis in their corporate capacity, and said charter shall cease and determine; but if the city resolved not to purchase at either of said times, the charter was to continue in force for the additional term of twenty-five years from January 1st, 1865.

A contract was entered into on January 8th, 1841, between the city and the Gas Light Company, whereby the city became a stockholder in the company to the extent of one quarter of the capital stock thereof. By this contract the city granted the company the exclusive privilege of lighting the streets, alleys and public places, at a price therein fixed, to be paid by the city therefor; and the company undertook to erect a number of public lamps, under a penalty for a failure on its part so to do. The company failed to comply with this contract, and on November 2d, 1842, the Board of Directors authorized the President of the company to represent to the City Council the

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impossibility of the company prosecuting the gas works, as provided for in the contract, and to ask for an extension of time.

On July 10, 1845, the President of the company reported to the Directors that the city authorities would release the company from all liability under the contract, provided a new contract was made; and on January 9, 1846, the new contract was entered into between the city and the Gas Light Company. The important features of this instrument are, that by it the city relinquished its right to purchase the gas works at the expiration of twenty years from January 1, 1840, and the Gas Company stipulated that in the event the city declined to purchase the gas works at the end of twenty-five years from January 1, 1840, it should have the privilege of purchasing at the end of thirty years from January 1, 1840, and at the period of every five years thereafter, in the manner and upon the notice as is provided for in the charter.

A resolution having passed the Council, Mayor O. D. Filley, on June 29, 1859, notified the Gas Company, that the city would purchase the works on January 1, 1860, as provided for in the charter. The Company, however, declined to sell at said time, on the ground that the city had relinquished its right to purchase at the end of twenty years, from January 1, 1840, by the contract of January 9, 1846. Frustrated in its attempt to purchase in 1860, as provided for in the Company's charter, the city waited ten years, and then took all the necessary steps to purchase on January 1, 1870, under the provisions of the contract of January 9, 1846, but the Company declined to sell, on the ground that the contract was invalid and illegal, and that the right of the city to purchase, under the charter of the Company, expired on January 1, 1865. In 1860 the Company asserted the validity and binding force of the contract of 1846 to defeat the city's attempt to purchase, and in 1870 the Company asserted the invalidity of the contract of 1846 in answer to the city's proposition to buy.

On June 21, 1870, the city instituted, in the Circuit Court of this county, an action against the St. Louis Gas Light Company for a specific performance of the contract of January 9, 1846, and to enforce the right of the city to purchase the gas works.

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In this action the city claimed all the profits realized by the company subsequent to January 1, 1870. In the meantime, the Laclede Gas Light Company had been incorporated by the legislature in 1857; no exclusive privilege, however, was granted to it to sell gas in St. Louis. In 1872 this company erected its works, and announced its intention of vending gas in the city. Thereupon the St. Louis company notified the Laclede that it would contest its right to manufacture and sell gas within the corporate limits. Negotiations were entered into between the companies, which resulted in a division of the city between them, the south line of Washington avenue being the dividing line, and the sale of the street mains, meters and public lamps, north of that line, by the St. Louis to the Laclede Gas Light Company.

The tri-partite ordinance was approved by the Mayor, February 10, 1873, and on the 28th of that month the tri-partite contract was executed by the city and the gas light companies, and as all are familiar with the terms of these instruments, it is unnecessary to review them. Provision was therein made for the dismissal of the suit of the city against the St. Louis Gas Light Company. The suit, however, was not dismissed, because the companies never complied with the terms of the ordinance and contract, in this particular: To effectuate and legalize the relinquishments of the franchises of these companies, as provided for in the ordinance and contract, for a division of the territory of the city between the companies, it was necessary to procure an enabling act from the legislature, but the legislative sanction was never obtained, and the city refused to dismiss its suit.

In the summer of 1875, under a resolution of the Council, the suit was urged forward, and the Laclede Gas Light Company was joined as a party defendant, it having taken possession, under an alleged purchase from the St. Louis Gas Light Company, of a part of the property claimed in said action by the city, to wit: the pipes, mains, meters and public lamps, north of Washington Avenue. The right of the city to recover was argued upon demurrers filed by the Gas Light Companies, and, in a most elaborate opinion delivered by Judge Gottschalk on December 4, 1875, the city was sustained. Briefly stated, the

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conclusions reached by the Court were: that the contract of 1846 was valid and binding; and that, even if it were not so, the St. Louis Gas Light Company was estopped from asserting that it was invalid; that the city, having taken all the necessary steps, became entitled to purchase the works on January 1, 1870; that the tri-partite contract and ordinance were *ultra vires* and void; that the city had the right to enforce its right to purchase the works; and that the claim and equities of the Laclede Gas Light Company could be adjusted.

The questions involved were re-argued upon defendant's motion for a re-hearing, and on January 11, 1876, the Court delivered a second opinion, re-affirming all the positions taken in the first, Answers were then filed by the companies, and the case came on for trial on March 27, 1876. A week was consumed in the introduction of evidence, and there was another re-argument of the case in all its phases, and another learned opinion by Judge Gottschalk, delivered in May, 1876, sustaining the city at all points, in which it was affirmed that the city was entitled to purchase upon January 1, 1870, and that the Gas Company having refused to sell and convey said property at said time, it must account to the city for the profits realized by it from the use thereof since that day; and an interlocutory decree was entered in the cause, restraining the St. Louis Gas Light Company from further manufacturing or selling gas, and providing for a Receiver to take charge of the property, and conduct the business of manufacturing and selling gas under the order of Court; and providing, also, for a Board of Commissioners to ascertain the value of the property and the profits received therefrom by the company since 1870, and the relations of the Laclede Gas Light Company thereto. Socrates Newman, Esq., was appointed Receiver, and he took possession of the property on June 5, 1876, and he has continued the manufacture and sale of gas, with the most satisfactory results, under the orders and directions of the Court. The Board of Commissioners, as selected by the Court, was composed of the following named gentlemen; Messrs. Metcalfe, Schreiner, Flad, and Shickle. This Board has been in session since July, hearing testimony adduced before it, on behalf of the city and of the companies, as to the value and extent of the works and pro-

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perty in 1870, and in 1876; and also as to the amount of profit growing out of the business of the St. Louis Gas Light Company, from January 1, 1870, to June 5, 1876. The preparation and presentation of testimony before this Board was confided to Mr. Leverett Bell, associate counsel for the city, and it has involved an immense amount of labor. Experts were employed as to values, and also for the purpose of examining the books of the company. These matters were gone into in detail, and with great care. The amount involved was large, and it was desired on behalf of the city that no means should be left untried to present the evidence on its behalf before the Board in such a form, that exact justice might be done between the city and the gas companies. The labors of the Board are about concluded, and its report will shortly be filed.

Upon this report being approved, a final decree will be entered, vesting the title and possession of the works of the St. Louis Gas Light Company in the city; and it being evident from the tenor of the evidence, as to profits and values, that the former will largely exceed the latter, the practical result will be, that the city will acquire the property and franchise, not only without any outlay on its part, save the necessary expenses of the litigation, but will also recover a money judgment against the St. Louis Gas Light Company in a large amount. The case will then be ripe for an appeal by the company to the Court of Appeals, and from thence it may be taken to the Supreme Court, where a final solution will be had.

At the close of this review of the case, and the results of litigation, I have only to repeat the belief, expressed before, that a final adjudication in the highest court is the only way to settle the controversy. I am unalterably opposed to any other mode of adjustment, and, regarding the judgment of the Circuit Court as founded in law and justice, I confidently believe it will be confirmed in the higher tribunal.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF GAS.

The first advantage accruing to the citizens generally from the success of the city in the courts, is an important reduction in the price of gas. It has been my opinion for many years that the price of gas to private consumers in St. Louis was too

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high, and when the appointment of a receiver enabled the cost of manufacture to be properly examined the fact was easily and clearly demonstrated. By my direction, a motion was made in court, September 4th, 1876, by the city, for an order on the Receiver to reduce the price of gas, from the first of that month, to $2.50 per thousand cubic feet. This motion was sustained, although resisted by the company, and the result thereof, as shown by the Receiver's report since September 1st, fully justifies the reduction. This makes a total reduction of seventy-five cents per thousand cubic feet during the present year.

Having secured this result within the territory of the St. Louis Gas Company, I addressed a communication to the Laclede and Carondelet companies, drawing their attention to the action of the court, based upon the ascertained cost of manufacture, the incongruity of charging different rates for gas in different parts of the city, and the public irritation that must thereby be occasioned, and requested them to reduce their rates correspondingly. I am happy to state that the companies acquiesced in the suggestion, the Carondelet Company reducing the price to $2.50 per thousand cubic feet from 1st October, 1876, and the Laclede to the same figure from 1st November. This result establishes the uniform price of gas all over the city at $2.50, and effects a very large annual saving to our citizens. Estimating the quantity of gas manufactured and sold to private consumers in this city at 400,000,000 cubic feet which, from reliable data, I have reason to believe is under the actual figures, a saving of money is shown of fully $300,000. This practical result of the protracted litigation will convince the people of the progress made, and of the encouraging prospect opened for cheap gas, when the reign of monopolies is broken up forever, and a healthy competition controls the business, or gas is supplied by the city, as water is now, at fair living rates, without any desire for exorbitant profit.

I have also secured, through the action of the Court, a reduction of the price of lighting, extinguishing and repairing the public lamps within the territory south of Washington Avenue to $5 per lamp; but the old price of $7, which is altogether extravagant, is still maintained in the districts supplied by the

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Laclede and Carondelet companies. It is my desire, too, that this charge should be equalized throughout the city, and also that the cost of gas for the public lamps be reduced, but until a final decree is obtained I consider it inexpedient to agitate the matter further. The city has every reason to be satisfied with the progress so far made, and we can afford to wait for the settlement of those minor questions until the entire control of the situation is in our hands.

The number of public lamps at present in use is 6,695, of which 2,866 are situated north of Washington Avenue; 3,397 south, and 432 within the territory of Carondelet Company.

THE WORKHOUSE—CARONDELET ROAD, ETC.

The general management of the Workhouse is economical and satisfactory, and the institution is in excellent order. The expenditures during the past six months amount to $21,502.55, and the receipts were as follows: From fines and fees, $813.25; macadamizing and rock sold, $3,736.46; boarding county convicts, $4,640; excavating and filling, $1,999.35; total, $11,189.06. Adding to this aggregate $3,444.80 due by the county for the board of prisoners, and the credits which the Superintendent considers himself entitled to for macadamizing on hand, etc., the institution would appear to have been self-sustaining during the past six months. The total number of commitments during the period indicated was 1,764, and the number of inmates at close of fiscal year was somewhat over 200.

The grading of the Carondelet road, between Meramec and Gasconade streets, has been completed, and the road will be macadamized and finished as soon as the water pipe is lowered. By an inexcusable blunder, the pipe was not laid in accordance with the established grade of the street, and the completion of this important highway is now delayed, and the public seriously inconvenienced, while the work of re-laying the pipe is in progress. I am at a loss to understand how this error occurred, when the work was done under the supervision of a professional engineer; and, in reply to the many complaints on the subject, it can only be said, that the results of carelessness and inac-

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curacy can not always be guarded against in public, any more than in private, operations, and that the mistake will be as promptly rectified as possible. The City Engineer had, of course, nothing to do with the work.

I respectfully recommend that the Work-house be lighted with gas, as this can now be done without much expense, and it is really necessary as a matter of safety and convenience. A public institution, with a large number of inmates, should not be lighted with oil lamps, as the danger of accident is always present, and the atmosphere is more or less vitiated by their use. I also unite in the recommendation of the Superintendent, that a suitable business office for the institution should be established. The little apartment at present in use is only a vacated prison cell, and neither in light, size, nor any other particular, is adapted to the object in view. The health of the inmates during the summer months was unusually good, and the sanitary condition of the buildings is as favorable as can be desired.

THE HOUSE OF REFUGE AND ITS WANTS.

The operations and management of this institution during the half year have been generally satisfactory. The expenditures were $26,786.84, of which the amount of $5,801.27 was expended for permanent improvements. The receipts amounted to $12,963.66, of which the sum of $7,982.89 was for bread made at the institution and sold to Hospitals, Work-house, etc., and $2,951.55 for work in shoe shop, and $1,680.65 in chair shop, the balance being made up of miscellaneous items. The health of the inmates has been remarkably good, and the progress in educational training excellent. I feel it my duty to repeat the recommendation before submitted to your honorable body, that the proceeds of the bonds provided by the Legislature, and sold by order of the Council, for the specific object of enlarging the institution, be applied as contemplated by law. The honor of the city government is pledged to carry out this improvement, and, until it is done, a proper classification of the inmates is impossible, and the system of the institution is defective. I am convinced that a careful consideration of the subject will remove any objections that may exist. The welfare of the

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children under our charge is a matter of public concern, and a proper expenditure of the money will greatly improve the buildings, and render them an ornament to that portion of the city where they are permanently located.

My attention has been called to the alleged harsh treatment of an inmate, a short time previous to the incoming of the present administration. I am not informed as to the circumstances of this particular case, but as the management, so far as the Board of Managers and Superintendent are concerned, is the same as when the affair is said to have occurred, I feel convinced that the allegations must be based upon erroneous information. I have always felt a peculiar interest in the institution, and, since the commencement of my official term, have made frequent visits of inspection. I find no trace of severe treatment; but, on the contrary, the children appear happy and contented, and the Superintendent exhibits a special pride in conducting the institution successfully, without employing any feature of the severe discipline which formerly disgraced its management. A special investigation has been made into the case alluded to, resulting in a complete exoneration of the management from the charges made.

THE GENERAL ORDINANCES AND THE CHARTER.

In the May message to the Council, I recommended that the consideration of the revision of the general ordinances of the city now pending be postponed until the result of the election on the Separation Scheme and Charter, prepared by the Board of Freeholders, was decided. The election has taken place, and, according to the returns of the judges, the Scheme and Charter were defeated; but a recount of the vote is now proceeding, in accordance with the order of the Circuit Court. Under such circumstances, the consideration of the revision had better lie over until it is finally determined whether or not the organic structure of the municipal government is to be radically changed. Even should the result of the election as reported be confirmed, there is another provision in the present constitution of the state under which this city is authorized to re-draft its organic law, and of which it may be desirable to take advantage. Should

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this be done at any time soon, it would entirely vitiate the revision of the general ordinances; and, as the adoption and promulgation of the revision involve much trouble and a large expenditure, the work should, if possible, be laid over until these questions are settled, and there is some prospect of its being of permanent utility.

The present charter has many excellent features, particularly in reference to the financial system of the city, but the desire apparent among an influential class of citizens, to elect a portion of the Council at large, and to obliterate the jurisdiction of the County Court within the city limits, will probably lead to the drafting of a new charter, under the provision of the constitution alluded to, should the re-count fail to prove the adoption of separation scheme, and its accompanying charter. In view of these facts, any decided action on the revision at present is unadvisable.

IN CONCLUSION,

The semi-annual reports accompany this message, and will furnish detailed information as to the operations of departments. I respectfully commend them to your consideration, together with the recommendations they contain, so far as they may be found practical and economical in character.

Respectfully submitted,

H. OVERSTOLZ, *Mayor.*

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COMMUNICATION FROM E. C. KEHR.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15, 1876.

Hon. Henry Overstolz, Mayor of St. Louis:

SIR: In my letter of July 5, 1876, I directed your attention to the several acts of Congress providing for the sale of the Arsenal grounds at St. Louis, and particularly to so much of the joint resolution of July 11, 1870, as secures to the "corporate authorities of the city of St. Louis the privilege of purchasing the ground" between Second and Fourth streets, at an appraised value to be ascertained as the act indicates.

In addressing you again upon this subject, I do so in order to urge such action as shall indicate the exercise of the city's option with regard to the strip of land just mentioned, and in order to facilitate an examination, I beg leave to refer you to the several acts governing the subject, viz:

Act of July 25, 1868, 15 vol. Stat. at Large, p. 187.

Amendatory Act of March 3, 1869, 15 vol. Stat. at Large, p. 339.

Joint Resolution of July 11, 1870, 16 vol. Stat. at Large, p. 386.

The substance of these acts, so far as they apply to our present purpose, may be summarized as follows:

The westernmost six acres of the Arsenal grounds, being the portion between Carondelet Avenue and Fourth Street, now constituting Lyon Park, and were dedicated by the Government for that purpose by the acts of July 25, 1868 and March 3, 1869, and the joint resolution of July 11, 1870.

The joint resolution furthermore provides that the ground and buildings between Second Street and the river shall be "reserved for such use as the interest of the army may

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require," but directs *that the ground between Second and Fourth streets shall be sold at public auction*, with the proviso "that the corporate authorities of the city of St. Louis shall have the privilege of purchasing said ground" at an appraised value before it is offered for sale at auction.

The question is, Will the city buy the ground? and if so the appraisement is to be made by two persons to be selected by the Secretary of War and two by the corporate authorities, the four appraisers to select an umpire in case of disagreement, but the result to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

If the city declines to buy, then, under the act of July 25th, 1868, the ground is to be "divided into blocks and lots of convenient size for building purposes," and to be sold at public auction, after thirty days' advertisement.

As it is, the Arsenal presents a barrier to the progress of that part of the city which more immediately surrounds it, and cuts off intercourse between the improved grounds north and south of it. I believe it to be alike to the interest of the Government, the city, and the residents in the vicinity of the Arsenal, that so much of the ground as the law authorizes to be sold, should be disposed of with as little further delay as possible, and in order that the city may determine its course, I bring the matter again to your attention.

Yours, very respectfully,

EDWARD C. KEHR.

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COMPTROLLER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

TREASURY DEP'T, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, *November 25, 1876.*

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to transmit to you my semi-annual report upon the financial condition of the city at the close of the first half of the current fiscal year, October 9th, 1876, together with statements of the uncollected and unexpended balances of Estimates and Appropriations made at May session of your honorable body—they being assumed as the estimates for the second half of the current fiscal year, ending April 9, 1877. It is arranged as follows:

FIRST.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

Statement "A"—Receipts.
" "B"—Disbursements.
Recapitulation.

SECOND.

ESTIMATES FOR SECOND HALF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

Statement "C"—Estimated Receipts.
" "D"—Estimated Expenditures.
Recapitulation.

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THIRD.

LIABILITIES.

Bonded Debt.
Floating Debt.
Deficiencies of former years.

FOURTH.

SINKING FUND.

FIFTH.

ASSETS.

Real and Personal Property,

SIXTH.

AREA AND EXTENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In transmitting my semi-annual report to your honorable body, I am gratified to be able to present a very encouraging financial showing.

The liabilities of the city at the beginning of this fiscal year consisted of:

Bonded debt	$16,318,000 00
Floating debt (including claim of St. Louis Gas Light Company, $622,000.00), which is now before the courts	1,044,000 00
Deficiencies of former years	452,736 43

During the fiscal year, not only will the city escape that curse of former years, *a deficiency*, as between its revenues and expenditures, but will accomplish *a considerable reduction in bonded debt, and almost entirely extinguish its other liabilities*—except the gas claim.

By reference to the annexed statements of liabilities, outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year, it will be seen that according to the estimates submitted in June, the following *reductions* in said liabilities are estimated for this fiscal year:

Bonded debt, probable reduction	$215,000 00
Floating " " "	322,000 00
Deficiencies of prior years, probable reduction	355,434 98
Total	$892,434 98

These reductions are based upon the assumption that the actual revenue collections for the fiscal year will equal the esti-

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mate of resources submitted to your honorable body June 13, 1876. There is now no doubt that such will be the case: in fact they will *undoubtedly exceed* those estimates, for the reason that the tax for this and last years on National Bank stock was not calculated upon in said estimates, owing to the matter being then in litigation, which has since terminated in favor of the city. The amount for last year has, since the close of the first half of this fiscal year, been paid into the city treasury, and the amount for this year will probably be paid during December.

The aggregate of such taxes for both years is about $189,520.21.

In addition to this, the collections from other sources will show an increase over those estimates.

I will not go into details in relation to the probable excess of revenue collections over estimates, as the subject will be presented to you separately, in amendatory estimates which are now being prepared by your honorable Committee on Ways and Means and myself; and, therefore, the statements herewith submitted are based upon facts, as they existed on the 9th day of October (the close of the first half of the current fiscal year).

It may, however, be said that the excess of actual revenue collections over estimates will be sufficient to enable us to almost entirely cancel the remaining floating liabilities (except the gas claim). This will swell the *reduction in liabilities to about a million of dollars*, and leave a margin for other purposes. The extinguishment of the floating debt is of very great importance to the city, particularly so with regard to the City Treasury Notes (municipal currency), of which only $100,000.00 are now in existence, $200,000.00 having, up to this date, been destroyed. Of the first-named amount only about $28,000.00 are in circulation, the balance being held in the Treasury for cancellation. Those in circulation are being redeemed as fast as presented, and all redeemed will be held to await cancellation.

These notes have survived their usefulness, and can only be viewed in the light of a very embarrassing burden, of which your honorable body should, at the earliest possible moment, relieve the city.

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Should the city at the close of the fiscal year be free from floating liabilities, and there seems to be very little doubt that such will be the case, there will be good reason to look forward to a reduction in municipal taxation during the next year and still have means to prosecute *necessary* public improvements.

It is to be regretted that many necessary public improvements, such as water-pipe, had to be neglected during this fiscal year. Many persons have been disposed to charge this neglect to the provision of the new constitution, limiting the tax revenue for current expenses to 1 per cent. This certainly curtails the resources available for such purposes, but will not in the future prevent a reasonable amount of public improvement from being carried on. The main cause of this neglect is the large amount of floating liabilities outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year, the greater part of which was due to the too rapid extension of public improvements during past years beyond the means available for that purpose; and as these liabilities could not, under the law, be funded, a sound financial policy dictated the suspension of public work until their extinguishment could be effected, and particularly so since this result could be accomplished within the short space of one year.

This policy has been adopted during this fiscal year; and in order to carry it out effectually, the delinquent tax collections of the year, together with other resources applicable by law for this purpose, were applied to their extinguishment; and as the desired result above indicated will, by this course be attained, the delinquent tax collections during the next fiscal year can be applied for public improvements; and although they will not be as large as during this year, they will be sufficient to give great relief in this direction.

The amendments to the City Charter, passed in 1875, giving power to the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council and Comptroller to fix a definite limit on the aggregate of appropriations, and empowering them to reserve, out of the resources of the year, sufficient to provide for outstanding liabilities, have been of great benefit to the city in facilitating the accomplishment of the very desirable results that will be reached during this fiscal year.

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The tax levy, and in fact all our financial arrangements, are in perfect harmony with the new Constitution: the tax revenue for current expenses being limited to one per cent. on the taxable values: the other one per cent. being applied to the payment of interest and outstanding liabilities. The provision of the new Constitution, limiting the tax revenue for current expenses to one per cent., renders the strictest economy necessary to bring the expenditures for such purposes within the resources; but owing to a wise apportionment of those resources, to suit the necessities of the various departments, and a true spirit of economy that has pervaded and been enforced in every department of the city government, the necessary reduction has been accomplished without impairing the usefulness of any department. This economy has been general; and every officer of the city government deserves credit in this particular.

The city's credit, both at home and in Europe, has for years been steadily approaching a higher standard. In the short space of three or four years, its gold bonds have increased in value from 97 1-4 to 106. And I think the city can in the future replace its maturing bonds with 5 per cent. bonds at par; and as those now outstanding bear 6 per cent. annual interest, this would in a short time greatly reduce our yearly expenditure for interest.

The city's commercial importance, rapid but substantial growth and brilliant future are destined to increase its credit to a still higher standard, which nothing but the grossest mismanagement can impair or impede; and certainly nothing can be more gratifying to the bond-holders and tax-payers than the knowledge that the days of rapidly-increasing bonded and floating debts, and of excesses of yearly expenditures over yearly resources, are at an end, and that our energies, resources and legislation are devoted to the reduction of liabilities and taxation and the enforcement of economy in every branch of the city government. In these respects, I feel assured that owing to the wise counsels and hearty co-operation of his Honor the Mayor, and your honorable Committee on Ways and Means, aided by cautious legislation on your part, the present fiscal year will stand prominently among those which contribute most to the brilliant financial future of our city.

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The following reports have been received at this office, and are herewith transmitted:

Report of City Auditor.
" " City Treasurer.
" " Board of Fund Commissioners.
" " City Collector.
" " City Engineer.
" " Land Commissioner.
" " Harbor Master.
" " Superintendent Fire-alarm Telegraph.
" " Board of Managers and Superintendent House of Refuge.
" " City Marshal.
" " Superintendent Work-house.
" " Clerk of St. Louis Police Court.
" " Boiler Inspector.
" " Street Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD P. HANENKAMP,
Comptroller.

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FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

STATEMENT "A."

Payments into the City Treasury during the first half of the current fiscal year, from April 11th to October 9th, 1876.

FIRST.

Receipts for payment of interest and liabilities outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year, viz:			
Balance in Treasury April 11th, 1876		$256,510 34	
Taxes, 1876		19,929 86	
Delinquent Taxes		185,355 96	
Interest—			
From Water Board, for Interest on Water Bonds	$90,000 00		
On Time Deposits, and returned on Loans	10,676 66	100,676 66	
			$562,472 82

SECOND.

Receipts for General Expenses, viz:		
Taxes, 1876	19,929 85	
Miscellaneous Collections—		
Wharfage	19,498 82	
Fines and Fees	10,328 75	
Markets	27,017 80	
Scales	10,145 71	
Boiler Licenses	4,470 00	
Business Licenses	133,202 00	
Dog Licenses	1,869 00	
Inspection of Weights and Measures	1,311 45	
Rents	1,647 85	
Hospitals	455 45	
Board of Health	748 00	
Work-house	10,007 90	
Building Permits	1,864 50	
Forfeited Deposit Money	500 00	
Grading Alley, Block 2340	10 00	
Park Collections (except Lafayette Park)	244 85	
Collection of Offal at Sewers	122 00	
Trustees' Fees paid Treasurer by Comptroller	87 00	
Sales of Horses and Hose by Chief of Fire Dept	279 75	
Recorder of Votes	33 70	
Refunding Over-payments	4 50	
Special Tax Bills Collected (old)	381 80	
Received of Board Pub. Schools for Registration Books	314 37	
Taxes Refunded by M. A. and J. A. Blood	13 20	
		244,488 25

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THIRD.

Special Collections:		
County Court for Construction Grand Ave. Sewer.....	$5,000 00	
Lafayette Park.....	3,000 00	
House of Refuge—Bread Sold, Caning Chairs, and Shoe Shop, etc	11,213 49	
		$19,213 49
Total.....		826,174 56

FOURTH.

Opening Streets (under law of 1875):		
Benefits Collected, due last fiscal year	3,842 89	
Benefits Collected for Condemning Right-of-Way for Mill Creek Sewer.....	2,139 13	
Benefits Collected—due during this fiscal year.....	9,433 97	
		15,415 99

FIFTH.

Temporary Loans:	
Anticipation Revenue Notes—Proceeds.....	1,500,000 00
Total	$2,341,590 55

STATEMENT "B."

Requisitions for payments out of the City Treasury during the first half of the current fiscal year, from April 11 to October 9, 1876.

FIRST.

Payments for Interest and Outstanding Liabilities, viz:	
Payment on Charter and Special Funds, Gas Bills, last fiscal year, and unpaid Auditor's Warrants:	
Bridges over Twelfth and Fourteenth streets.....	$ 20,061 65
Fire Department Equiping.....	17,065 50
Harbor Fund.....	8,379 04
Parks—	
General.....	8,507 27
Tower Grove.....	2,791 66
Lafayette.....	11,181 56
Streets—Grading	29,031 08
Sewers—	
General—Public.....	7,869 98
Arsenal Street and Southern.....	5,315 00
Rocky Branch.....	3,762 80
Water-pipe Laying.....	19,975 70
Water-pipe Tax—Refunding.....	39 14
Unpaid Gas Bills last fiscal year.....	37,715 04
Unpaid Auditor's Warrants on hand April 11, 1876	15,910 01

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STATEMENT "B."—CONTINUED.

Payments for Interest and Floating Debts, Interest on Bonded and Temporary Debts:			
General Bonded Debt	$357,273 93		
Water Bond Interest	175 080 00	532,353 93	
Floating Debts due at date of adoption of new Constitution:			
City Treasury Warrants (Municipal Currency)		125 000 00	
Old Streets—Opening Claims		1,845 80	
Wharf, North—Claims		414 00	
Thirteenth Ward Claims		2,146 23	
			849,365 39

SECOND.

Payments for general Government Expenses—Departments:		
Assessments and Collection of Revenue	$19,746 34	
Abating Nuisances	808 63	
Board of Health	6,301 30	
Board of Engineers	509 22	
City Council and Clerks	24,037 60	
City Council Contingent Fund	522 50	
Cleaning Streets	40,567 07	
Contingent Fund	12 845 19	
Catching and Killing Dogs	2,821 50	
Election and Registration	6,394 06	
Engineer Department	15,256 14	
Fire Department	126,984 41	
Fire Alarm Telegraph	6,271 64	
Gas-light	101,356 79	
Hospitals—		
City	27,113 63	
City—Repairs	4,859 47	
City Dispensary	4,539 33	
Quarantine	850 84	
Smallpox	3,692 34	
House of Industry	16,958 77	
House of Industry—Repairs	1,813 73	
Harbor Fund—		
Engineer Department, Salaries and Current Expenses	1,962 46	
Repairs	7,338 41	
Harbor Department—		
Salaries and Current Expenses	5,834 52	
Wood Master's Commissions	511 48	
Harbor Boat	906 42	
Cleaning Levee	1,768 36	
House of Refuge	26 736 20	
Insurance	1,887 50	
Judgments and Legal Expenses	14,669 24	
Markets	4,364 56	
Opening Streets—Expenses	2,161 76	

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STATEMENT "B."—CONTINUED.

Office Expenses	5,363 33	
Printing and Stationery	12,163 34	
Police	160 000 00	
Parks—		
General	12,687 59	
Lafayette Park	8,000 00	
Repairs of Streets—		
Salaries, Current and Miscellaneous Expenses	28,910 61	
Wood and Stone Pavement	18,983 38	
Macadam and other Material	63,739 04	
Removal of Slops	6,459 96	
Salaries	51,868 81	
Scavenger Dumps—		
Salaries and Current Expenses	3,149 30	
Construction and Repairs	2,402 89	
Scales	208 81	
Special Tax Fund	2,328 38	
Sewers—		
Gen'l, Public, Salaries, Current Expenses and Repairs	12,597 35	
Work-house	21,516 03	
Water-pipe	85 65	
		$902,855 88

THIRD.

Opening Streets—(under law of 1875.)		
Damages Paid—due last fiscal year	5,264 49	
Damages Paid for Right-of-Way Mill Creek Sewer	2,299 24	
Damages Paid—due during this fiscal year	13 328 04	
		20,891 77

FOURTH.

Bonds Maturing	16,000 00
Total	$1,789,113 04

RECAPITULATION.

Of Receipts (Statement "A") and Expenditures (Statement "B"):		
Total Receipts during first half current fiscal year		$2,341,590 55
Total Expenditures during same period	1,789,113 04	
Less unpaid Auditor's Warrants on hand Oct. 9, 1876	47,642 72	
		1,741,470 32
Balance in Treasury Oct. 9, 1876		$600,120 23

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ESTIMATES FOR SECOND HALF OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

STATEMENT "C."

Estimated receipts for second half of current fiscal year, from October 9th, 1876, to April 9th, 1877, representing the uncollected balances of estimated resources for fiscal year.

FIRST.		
Estimated Resources for fiscal year for Interest and Outstanding Liabilities (as submitted to City Council, June 13, 1876)	2,024,010 34	
Less amount collected first half of fiscal year on account (as per Statement "A")	562,472 82	
Balance to be collected second half current fiscal year.		1,461,537 52
SECOND.		
Estimated resources fiscal year for General Expenses (as submitted to City Council, June 13, 1876)	1,922,500 00	
Less amounts collected first half of fiscal year on account (as per Statement "A")	244,488 25	
Balance to be collected second half current fiscal year..		1,678,011 75
Total		3,139,549 27
THIRD.		
Opening Streets (under the law of 1875):		
Benefits to be collected—due last fiscal year	4,982 85	
Benefits to be collected on Right-of-Way for Mill Creek Sewer	313 99	
Balance of estimated collections for this fiscal year	10,566 03	
		15,862 87
FOURTH.		
Proceeds of Renewal Bonds		71,000 00
FIFTH.		
Balance in Treasury October 9th, 1876		600,120 23
Total		$3,826,532 37

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STATEMENT "D."

Estimated expenditures for second half of current fiscal year, from October 9th, 1876, to April 9th, 1877, representing the unexpended balances of Estimated Expenditures and Appropriations for fiscal year.

FIRST.

Unexpended Balances of Estimated Payments for fiscal year, for Interest and Outstanding Liabilities, viz:		
Unexpended Balances of Estimated Payments on Charter and Special Funds, Gas Bills, last fiscal year, and unpaid Auditor's Warrants:		
Fire Department—Equiping	7,000 47	
Harbor Fund	20,620 96	
House of Refuge Improvements	51,780 50	
Lafayette Park	1,818 44	
Street Grading	85,968 92	
Sewers—		
General—Public	3,835 26	
Arsenal Street and Southern	55,614 71	
Mill Creek	103,715 39	
Rocky Branch	13,006 11	
Water Pipe Tax—Refunding	2,960 86	
Unpaid Gas Bills—last fiscal year	43,784 96	
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations, Estimated Payments for Interest and Floating Debts:		
Interest on Bonded and Temporary Debts and Coupons, due in Sinking Fund, for this fiscal year	713,146 07	
Floating Debts due at date of adoption of new Constitution:		
Coupons past due in Sinking Fund	105,000 00	
City Treasury Warrants (Municipal Currency)	75,000 00	
Old Street Opening Claims	8,554 20	
Wharf, North—Claims	1,886 00	
Thirteenth Ward Claims	2,153 77	
		1,295,846 62

SECOND.

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations for General Governmental Expenses:		
Departments—		
Assessment and Collection of Revenue	10,253 66	
Abating Nuisances	1,191 37	
Board of Health	4,698 70	
Bridges over Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets	2,500 00	
Board of Engineers	490 78	
City Council and Clerks	20,962 40	
City Council Contingent Fund	477 50	
Cleaning Streets	34,432 93	

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STATEMENT "D."—CONTINUED.

Contingent Fund	1,154 81	
Catching and Killing Dogs	178 50	
Election and Registration	7,605 94	
Engineer Department	14,743 86	
Fire Department	123,015 59	
Fire Alarm Telegraph	6,728 36	
Gas Light	145,643 21	
Hospitals—		
City	48,886 37	
City New Ward	1,500 00	
City Repairs	5,140 53	
City Dispensary	5,460 67	
Quarantine	949 16	
Smallpox	807 66	
House of Industry	12,041 23	
House of Industry—Repairs	1,686 27	
Harbor Fund, Engineer Department—		
Salaries and Current Expenses	2,037 54	
Repairs	8,861 59	
Harbor Department—		
Salaries and Current Expenses	4,165 48	
Woodmaster's Commissions	488 52	
Harbor Boat	1,093 58	
Cleaning Levee	4,231 64	
Construction	8,800 00	
House of Refuge	8,561 70	
Judgments and Legal Expenses	5,330 76	
Insurance	2,812 50	
Markets	10,635 44	
Opening Streets Expenses	3,838 24	
Office Expenses	4,636 67	
Printing and Stationery	21,836 66	
Police	140,000 00	
Parks—		
General	19,312 41	
Tower Grove	19,000 00	
Repairs of Streets—		
Salaries, Current and Miscellaneous Expenses	21,089 39	
Macadam and other Material	40,260 96	
Wood and Stone Pavement	16 62	
Removal of Slops	8,540 04	
Salaries	51,131 19	
Scavenger Dumps—		
Salaries and Current Expenses	3,850 70	
Construction and Repairs	597 11	
Scales	791 19	
Special Tax Fund	1,671 62	
Sewers—		
Salaries, Current Expenses and Repairs	15,402 65	
New Work	18,000 00	
Sinking Fund	10,000 00	
Work House Fund	18,483 97	
Water-pipe	1,414 35	
		907,442 02

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THIRD.

Opening Streets (under the law of 1875):		
Damages to be paid—due last fiscal year	3,386 37	
Damages to be paid for Right-of-Way of Mill Creek Sewer	2 71	
Balance of Appropriation for this fiscal year	13,671 96	
		17,061 04

FOURTH.

Unpaid Auditor's Warrants on hand October 9th, 1876	$47,642 72

FIFTH.

Bonds Maturing	$55,000 00

SIXTH.

Temporary Loans—	
Anticipation Revenue Notes	$1,500,000 00
Total	$3,822,992 40

RECAPITULATION.

Of Estimated Receipts (Statement "C") and Estimated Expenditures (Statement "D"):	
Total Estimated Receipts for second half current fiscal year	$3,826,532 37
Total Estimated Expenditures, for same period	3,822,992 40
Surplus	$ 3,539 97

LIABILITIES.

1st BONDED DEBT.

The Bonded Debt at the beginning of this fiscal year, April 10, 1876, was	16,318,000 00
Bonded Debt at the close of the first half of this fiscal year, October 9, 1876	16,307,000 00
Reduction during first half of fiscal year	11,000 00
During the second half of the fiscal year a further reduction will take place of about	204,000 00
Which will make a total reduction through the operation of the Sinking Fund, for the fiscal year, of	215,000 00

Being the amount of reduction estimated in the Comptroller's annual report of June 13, 1876.

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2d FLOATING DEBT.

The Floating Debt of the City at the beginning of this fiscal year, April 10, 1876 (including the claim of the St. Louis Gas Light Company, $622,000 which is now before the courts) was.....	1,044,000 00
Floating Debt at close of first half of fiscal year, October 9, 1876.....	914,593 97
Reduction during first half of fiscal year, (see statement "B").....	129,406 03
During the second half of the fiscal year there will be a further reduction of about (see statement "D").....	192,593 97
Which will make a total reduction during the fiscal year, of.....	322,000 00
Being the amount of reduction estimated in the Comptroller's annual report of June 13, 1876.	

This estimated reduction of $322,000.00 includes $105,000.00 due the Sinking Fund. Upon the payment of the latter amount it will be immediately applied by the Sinking Fund Commisioners to the retirement of so much of the bonded debt, so that while the city only pays $105,000.00, it serves two purposes by reducing both the floating and bonded debts each to that extent. After the reduction of $322,000.00 estimated above, the floating debt will stand as follows:

Claim of St. Louis Gas Light Company (including interest to July 1, 1875) about.....	622,000 00
City Treasury Notes (Municipal Currency)....	100,000 00

Should the revenue collections exceed the estimates to the amount now confidently expected, the $100,000.00 City Treasury Notes can be destroyed before the close of the fiscal year, which would make the reduction in floating debts $422,000.00, and leave the city at the close of the fiscal year with no *floating debts*, except the claim of the St. Louis Gas Light Company. There are only about $28,000,00 City Treasury Notes now in circulation, the balance being in the City Treasury. Those in circulation will be redeemed as fast as presented, and all redeemed will be held in the Treasury for cancellation.

3d. DEFICIENCIES OF PRIOR YEARS.

The following balance will stand to the credit of the funds named at the close of this fiscal year, in addition to the

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amounts provided for said funds in Statements "B" and "D":

Lafayette Park	$14,041 29	
Grading Streets	20,485 98	
Arsenal Street and Southern Sewer Fund	56,772 57	
Water-pipe tax refunding	6,001 61	97,301 45

These amounts represent all that remains unprovided for of the $452,736.43 deficiencies of prior years outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal year, April 10, 1876. The remainder of said deficiencies is provided for out of the resources of this fiscal year (see Statement "B" and "D"), or cancelled, causing a reduction as stated below. By reference to said statements it will be seen that sufficient means have been provided for the above named funds to meet all possible drafts that can be made during this fiscal year.

The deficiencies of prior years outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (as stated in Comptroller's Annual Report of June 13, 1876, were as follows:

Deficiency of last fiscal year	$159,736 43	
Deficiencies of prior years, about	293,000 00	452,736 43
Deficiency as stated above		97,301 45
Reduction in this class of Liabilities		$355,434 98

The most important portion of the deficiency has therefore been covered by cash out of the resources of this fiscal year.

The amount of reduction in this class of liabilities estimated in June report was "over $200,000."

It was not deemed prudent at that time to estimate the reduction higher than that figure, although the prospects for the year seemed then to justify a much higher estimate.

There is now no doubt of the reduction above stated, and possibly the remaining $97,301.45 may be covered by cash before the close of the fiscal year.

SINKING FUND.

The cash and assets of the Sinking Fund on October 9, 1876, amounted to	$713,869 70

This fund during the next six months will be in a position to purchase and retire about $215,000 of bonds, including $71,000 of bonds to be issued in renewal of bonds maturing during the fiscal year.

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ASSETS.

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The city owns its own Waterworks and grounds, public Parks, public Markets, Engine-houses and grounds, Hospitals and grounds, etc., of the following estimated values:

Water-works and grounds	$6,850,854 34	
Public Parks	3,072,200 00	
Public Markets and grounds	762,850 00	
Engine-houses and grounds	172,000 00	
Hospitals and grounds	370,000 00	
Other Real Estate	625,891 64	11,853,795 98
Personal Property		452,392 75
Total		$12,306,188 73

AREA AND EXTENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Total area of the City, square miles	20 2-3
Number of acres	13,216
Area of Parks, acres	382 76.100
Length of Wharf or river front, miles	11 30.100
Length of Paved and Macadamized Wharf, miles	2 92.100
Number of miles of Macadam Streets in city	238 71.100
Number of miles of Improved Alleys	46 68.100
Number of miles of Nicholson Pavement in Streets	10 20.100
Length of Sewers, miles	174
Length of Water-pipe, miles	180 58.100

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AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR,

OF RESOURCES AND PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES.

TREASURY DEP'T, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, *December 1, 1876.*

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, in accordance with the city charter, submitted to your honorable body, on the 13th of June, 1876, estimates of resources and payments on account of outstanding liabilities, which at that time seemed to fairly represent the probable resources and amounts necessary to meet outstanding liabilities. During the seven months of the fiscal year that have elapsed it has become apparent that additional resources, beyond those estimates, will be available for the further extinguishment of liabilities and to meet the necessary demands of the different departments and funds for the fiscal year. These increased resources are estimated from the following sources:

Taxes 1876, due to the tax on National Bank stock for this year, not calculated upon in estimates, owing to litigation then pending		$ 89,000 00
Delinquent tax collections, in excess of estimates (including tax on National Bank stock for last year)		190,000 00
Additional amount, estimated to be paid by the Water Board, for interest on Water Bonds		50,000 00
Amount reserved for opening streets, not needed		3,000 00
Surplus resources at beginning of fiscal year		298 23
Surplus in Interest Account		20,000 00
Total		$352,298 23
Less estimated falling off in collections—		
City Collector	$15,000 00	
Wharfage	12,000 00	
		27,000 00
Leaving a net surplus of		$325,298 23

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Against this must first be charged the following liabilities not heretofore provided for:

City Treasury Notes	$100,000 00	
Judgments	10,000 00	
Special Funds—Lafayette Park	14,041 29	
Street Grading	20,485 98	
Arsenal street and Southern sewer	46,772 57	
Water-pipe tax—refunding	6,001 61	
		$197,301 45
Leaving		$127,996 78

Subject to appropriation by the City Council, in addition to certain amounts of appropriations heretofore made, which, not being needed, can be made available for other purposes.

Owing to the large amount of liabilities outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year, the appropriations for departments and public improvements were necessarily small, and in some instances inadequate to the needs, and considerable embarrassment might follow a neglect to provide additional appropriations.

Believing, therefore, that under the circumstances, the best interests of the city require that every dollar that can be safely spared should be made available to meet the urgent demands of the various departments and funds, we herewith submit to you our

AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, OF RESOURCES AND PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

FIRST.

Estimated resources for interest and outstanding liabilities, viz:		
Balance in Treasury April 11, 1876		256 510 34
Estimated collection from delinquent taxes		390,000 00
Estimated one-half of taxes, 1876, on real and personal property	1,462,000 00	
Estimated receipts from Water Works for payment interest on Water Bonds	200,000 00	
		1,662,000 00
		2,308,510 34

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SECOND.

Estimated resources for general purposes:			
Estimated one-half of taxes, 1876, on real and personal property		1,462,000 00	
Miscellaneous Sources—			
City Collector	385,000 00		
Scales	20,000 00		
Wharfage	30,000 00		
Fines and Fees	18,000 00		
Various Sources	25,000 00		
		478,000 00	
			1,940,000 00
Street opening benefits to be collected			20,000 00
			4,268,510 34
Proceeds of Renewel Bonds			71,000 00
Total			4,339,510 34

THIRD.

Estimated disbursements for outstanding liabilities, balances to credit of charter and special funds, unpaid gas bills and Auditor's warrants, April 11, 1876, and judgments:	
Bridges over Twelfth and Fourteenth streets	20,061 75
Fire Department equiping	24,065 97
House of Refuge—Improvements	51,780 50
Harbor Fund	29,000 00
Parks—General	8,507 27
Tower Grove	2,791 66
Lafayette	24,041 29
Street Grading	135,485 98
Sewers—General Public	11,705 24
Arsenal Street and Southern	107,702 28
Mill Creek	103,715 39
Rocky Branch	16,768 91
Water-pipe laying	19,975 70
Water-pipe tax refunding	9,001 61
Unpaid gas bills last fiscal year	81,500 00
Judgments	10,000 00
Unpaid Auditor's warrants on hand April 11, 1876	15,910 01
	672,013 56

FOURTH.

Estimated expenditures for interest and floating debts:		
Interest		$1,225,500 00
Floating debts:		
City Treasury notes (municipal currency)	300,000 00	
Coupons due Sinking Fund	105,000 00	
Old street opening claims	10,400 00	

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR INTEREST, ETC.—CONTINUED.

Wharf, north—claims	2,300 00		
13th Ward claims	4,300 00		
		1,647,500 00	
Maturing bonds		71,000 00	
			2,390,513 56
Balance, subject to appropriation by the City Council for fiscal year (exclusive of interest)			1,948,996 78
Less amount already appropriated by City Council			1,821,000 00
Amount remaining now subject to appropriation			127,996 78
In addition to this amount, the following amounts of appropriations, heretofore made, will not be needed, and can be transferred and made available for other purposes:			
City Hospital			14,800 00
Harbor Fund—Repairs			1,500 00
" " Cleaning Levee			1,000 00
Gas light			3,000 00
Printing and Stationery			2,800 00
Removal of Slops			1,500 00
Total, subject to appropriation			152,596 78
We would recommend that this amount be divided as follows:			
Abating Nuisances		1,000 00	
Board of Health		1,000 00	
Contingent Fund		4,500 00	
		6,500 00	
City Council and Clerks		3,000 00	
City Council Contingent Fund		1,000 00	
Catching and Killing Dogs		1,000 00	
Election and Registration		5,000 00	
Engineer Department		1,000 00	
Fire Department		8,000 00	
Hospitals—			
City Repairs—plumbing work in new wing of Hospital and heating-coils in new ward		1,296 00	
Smallpox		4,000 00	
House of Industry		4,500 00	
House of Industry—Repairs		300 00	
Quarantine		1,000 00	
Dispensary at South St. Louis		700 00	
House of Refuge		2,000 00	
Harbor Fund—			
Harbor Master's Department- Salary and Current Expenses		800 00	
City Engineer Department—Salary and current Expenses		800 00	
Dykes between Barton and Anna Streets		4,000 00	
Construction		700 00	
Judgments and legal expenses		3,500 00	
Office expenses		1,000 00	
Removing dirt from old Reservoir		5,000 00	

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Streets—		
Cleaning	10,000 00	
Repairing—Salaries and current expenses	5,000 00	
Wood and stone pavement	20,000 00	
Macadam and other material	20,000 00	
Grading	10,000 00	
Special Tax Fund	1,000 00	
Salaries	1,500 00	
Sewers	7,000 00	
Slough ponds	1,300 00	
Union Market improvements	6,500 00	
Work-house—		
Salaries and cnrrent expenses	4,000 00	
Gas	800 00	
Fence	400 00	
Water-pipe—Laying	10,000 00	
		$152,596 00

Very respectfully,

RICHARD P. HANENKAMP,
Comptroller.

CHARLES W. FRANCIS,
LOUIS A. STEBER,
GEORGE H. LOKER,
Committee on Ways and Means.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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BALANCE SHEET OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS,

OCTOBER 9TH, 1876.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Assessment and Collection of Revenue—					
Credit Balance April 10th, 1876	$1,821 95				
Appropriation	36,000 00		37,821 95		
Charges	19,746 34				
Transfers	7,821 95	27,568 29			10,253 66
Board of Engineers—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	7 50				
Appropriation	1,250 00		1,257 50		
Charges	509 22				
Transfers	257 50	766 72			490 78
Board of Fund Commissioners—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	713,588 04				
Charges	281 66	713,869 70		713,869 70	
Board of Water Commissioners—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	932,528 38				
Charges	175,080 00	1,107,608 38	90,000 00	1,017,608 38	
Bills Payable—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	300,000 00				
Credits	1,500,000 00		1,800,000 00		
Charges		125,000 00			1,675,000 00
Bills Receivable—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	13,374 36	13,374 36		13,374 36	
Bonded Debt—					
City Bonded Debt—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	16,319,000 00	16,319,000 00	11,000 00	16,308,000 00	
Bridge Approach Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	461,000 00		461,000 00		461,000 00
Fire Department Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	100,000 00		100,000 00		100,000 00

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General Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	6,949,000 00		6,949,000 00		6,949,000 00
Harbor and Wharf Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	1,219,000 00		1,219,000 00		1,219,000 00
Park Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	357,000 00	11,000 00	357,000 00		346,000 00
Sewer Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	1,103,000 00		1,103,000 00		1,103,000 00
Mill Creek Sewer Sterling Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	130,000 00		130,000 00		130,000 00
Water Bond account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	6,000,000 00		6,000,000 00		6,000,000 00
Buildings and Repairs—					
City Hospital. "New Ward"—Appropriation			1,500 00		1,500 00
City Hospital. "Repairs"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	$18 28				
Appropriation	15,000 00		15,018 28		
Charges	4,459 47				
Transfers	5,418 28	9,877 75			5,140 53
House of Industry. "Repairs"—					
Appropriation	5,500 00				
Credits	400 00		5,900 00		
Charges	3,372 58				
Transfers	2,000 00	5,372 58			527 42
Quarantine Hospital. "Furniture and Water Pipe"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	205 25		205 25		
Transfer		205 25			
Quarantine Hospital. "Laundry"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	91 29		91 29		
Transfers		91 29			
House of Refuge. Building Account—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	51,780 50		51,780 50		51,780 50
City Treasury Note Issue—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	300,000 00		300,000 00		
Charges		125,000 00			175,000 00
City Council and Clerks—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	767 28				
Appropriation	47,000 00		47,767 28		

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BALANCE SHEET—CONTINUED.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Credit.	Debit.	Credit.	Debit.
Charges	24,037 60				
Transfers	2,767 28	26,804 88			20,962 40
City Council Contingent Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	34 40				
Appropriation	1,500 00		1,534 40		
Charges	522 50				
Transfers	534 40	1,056 90			477 50
Contingent Fund—					
Appropriation			21,000 00		
Charges	12,845 19				
Transfer	7,000 00	19,845 19			1,154 81
Catching and Killing Dogs—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	37				
Appropriation	3,800 00		3,800 37		
Charges	2,821 50				
Transfers	800 37	3,621 87			178 50
City of St. Louis –					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	13,068,594 21		13,068,594 21		13,068,594 21
Public Property—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	12,982,931 31	12,982,931 31		12,982,931 31	
Carondelet Bonded Debt—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	24,000 00	24,000 00		24,000 00	
Construction of Bridges over U.D'pt and P.R.R. Tracks—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	20,061 75				
Appropriation	2,500 00		22,561 75		
Charges		20,061 65			2,500 10
Engineer Department—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	74 92				
Appropriation	39,000 00		39,074 92		
Charges	15,256 14				
Transfers	9,074 92	24,331 06			14,743 86

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Election and Registration—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	43 37				
Appropriation	17,500 00				
Credits	348 07		17,891 44		
Charges	6,394 06				
Transfers	3,891 44	10,285 50			7,605 94
Executions sold to city—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	1,493 94				
Credits	1,224 23		2,718 17		
Charges		93 21			2,624 96
Fire Department—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	2,166 63				
Appropriation	313,000 00		315,166 63		
Charges	126,984 41				
Transfers	65,166 63	192,151 04			123,015 59
Fire Department, "Engines, Hose Carriages, &c."—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	24,065 97		24,065 97		
Charges		17,065 50			7,000 47
Fire Alarm Telegraph—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	348 47				
Appropriation	16,500 00		16,848 47		
Charges	6,271 64				
Transfers	3,848 47	10,120 11			6,728 36
Floating Debt—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	845,669 48	845,669 48	125,000 00	720,669 48	
Gas Light—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	69,265 58				
Appropriation	328,500 00		397,765 58		
Charges	139,071 83				
Transfers	69,265 58	208,337 41			189,428 17
Wharf and Harbor Department. "Salaries"—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	8 00		8 00		
Transfer		8 00			
Harbor Master's Department. "Salaries"—					
Appropriation	13,000 00				
Credits	369 27		13,369 27		
Charges	6,203 79				
Transfers	3,000 00	9,203 79			4,165 48

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BALANCE SHEET—CONTINUED.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Harbor Department City Engineer. "Salaries"—					
Appropriation	4,750 00		4,750 00		
Charges	1,962 46				
Transfers	750 00	2,712 46			2,037 54
Harbor Department. "Repairs"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	2,239 23				
Appropriation	26,700 00		28,939 23		
Charges	7,338 41				
Transfer	11,939 23	19,277 64			9,661 59
Harbor Department. "Construction"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	32,033 55				
Credits	8,788 78		40,822 33		
Charges	8,379 04				
Transfers	15,446 78	23,825 82			16,996 51
Harbor Boat—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	242 59				
Appropriation	3,900 00		4,142 59		
Charges	906 42				
Transfers	2,142 59	3,049 01			1,093 58
Cleaning Levee—					
Appropriation			6,000 00		
Charges	1,611 51				
Transfer	156 85	1,768 36			4,231 64
Woodmaster's Commissioners—					
Appropriation			1,000 00		
Charges	299 06				
Transfer	212 42	511 48			488 52
Health Department—					
Abating Nuisances—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	348 23				
Appropriation	3,000 00		3,348 23		

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Charges	808 63				
Transfers	1,348 23	2,156 86			1,191 37
Board of Health—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	1,104 44				
Appropriation	13,300 00		14,404 44		
Charges	6,301 30				
Transfers	3,404 44	9,705 74			4,698 70
City Dispensary—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	1,508 76				
Appropriation	12,400 00		13,908 76		
Charges	4,539 33				
Transfers	3,908 76	8,448 09			5,460 67
City Hospital –					
Credit balance April, 10th, 1876	3,945 82				
Appropriation	94,000 00		97,945 82		
Charges	27,113 63				
Transfers	21,945 82	49,059 45			48,886 37
House of Industry—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	224 42				
Appropriation	38,800 00		39,024 42		
Charges	16,958 77				
Transfers	10,024 42	26,983 19			12,041 28
Quarantine Hospital—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	760 64				
Appropriation	2,250 00		3,010 64		
Charges	850 84				
Transfers	1,210 64	2,061 48			949 16
Smallpox Hospital—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	3,060 80				
Appropriation	5,950 00		9,010 80		
Charges	3,692 34				
Transfers	4,510 80	8,203 14			807 66
House of Refuge—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	84 41				
Appropriation	29,300 00				
Credits	11,263 49		40,647 90		
Charges	26,786 20				
Transfers	5,300 00	32,086 20			8,561 70

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BALANCE SHEET—CONTINUED.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Interest Account—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	142,132 12				
Appropriation	1,350,500 00				
Credits	10,676 66		1,503,308 78		
Charges	357,27 93				
Transfers	142,132 12	499,406 05			1,003,902 73
Water Bond Interest Account		175,080 00	175,080 00		
Insurance Appropriation			4,700 00		
Charges	1,837 50				
Transfers	50 00	1,887 50			2,812 50
Judgments and Legal Expenses—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	1 70				
Appropriation	24,000 00		24,001 70		
Charges	14,696 84				
Transfers	4,001 70	18,698 54			5,303 16
Markets—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	2,634 64				
Appropriation	20,000 00		22,634 64		
Charges	4,364 56				
Transfers	7,634 64	11,999 20			10,635 44
Office Expenses—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	195 06				
Appropriation	13,800 00		13,995 06		
Charges	5,363 33				
Transfers	3,995 06	9,358 39			4,636 67
Printing and Stationery—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	8,524 00				
Appropriation	39,000 00		47,524 00		
Charges	12,163 34				
Transfers	13,524 00	25,687 34			21,836 66
Police Department—Credit balance April 10, 1876	5,137 99				

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Appropriation	375,000 00		380,137 99		
Charges	160,000 00				
Transfers	80,137 99	240,137 99			140,000 00
Parks—					
Public Parks		40,000 00	40,000 00		
Arsenal Park—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	287 50				
Appropriation	50 00		337 50		
Charges		211 74			125 76
Benton Park—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	40 57				
Appropriation	5,500 00				
Credits	50 00		5,590 57		
Charges		2,586 18			3,004 39
Carr Square—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	127 33				
Appropriation	2,500 00				
Credits	5 00		2,632 33		
Charges		528 24			2,104 09
Carondelet Park—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	2 02				
Appropriation	500 00		502 02		
Charges		68 97			433 05
Exchange Square—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	33				
Appropriation	250 00		250 33		
Charges		198 85			51 48
Gravois Park—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	34 85				
Appropriation	1,000 00				
Credits	120 50		1,155 35		
Charges	450 75				
Transfers	60 50	511 25			644 10
Gamble Place—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	9 18				
Appropriation	1,800 00		1,809 18		
Charges		1,405 31			403 87
Hyde Park—Credit balance April 10th, 1876	286 03				

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Appropriation	7,000 00				
Credits	60 50		7,346 53		
Charges		3,703 84			3,642 69
Jackson Place—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	233 83				
Appropriation	1,000 00		1,233 83		
Charges		549 05			684 78
Lafayette Park—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	24,041 29				
Appropriation	8,000 00				
Credits	3,000 00		35,041 29		
Charges		19,181 56			15,859 73
Laclede Park—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	148 57				
Appropriation	1,500 00				
Credits	25 50		1,674 07		
Charges		381 30			1,292 77
Missouri Park —					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	784 65				
Appropriation	2,000 00				
Credits	5 85		2,790 50		
St Louis Place—		491 02			2,299 48
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	6,757 17				
Appropriation	3,500 00				
Credits	36 00		10,293 17		
Charges		6,765 61			3,527 56
Tower Grove Park—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	497 35				
Appropriation	19,000 00				
Credits	2,291 31		21,791 66		
Charges		2,791 66			19,000 00

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Washington Square—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	56 96				
Appropriation	5,400 00				
Credits	2 00		5,458 96		
Charges		3,854 00			1,604 96
Redemption of Bonds		1,600 00		16,000 00	
River des Peres Bridge—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	155 20		155 20		
Transfer		155 20			
Refunding Licenses and Taxes, Thirteenth Ward—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	375 40				
Appropriation	5,300 00		5,675 40		
Charges	2,146 23				
Transfers	1,375 40	3,521 63			2,153 77
Refunding Water Pipe Special Taxes—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	259,001 61		259,001 61		
Charges		39 14			258,962 47
Removing Slops—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	555 42				
Appropriation	18,400 00		18,955 42		
Charges	6,459 96				
Transfers	3,955 42	10,415 38			8,540 04
Revenue Funds—General Revenue—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	580,691 77				
Charges	1,570,221 17	2,150,912 94			
Credits			758,815 38	1,392,097 56	
Harbor Fund—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	32,097 07				
Credits	60 855 73		92,952 80		
Charges		75,856 03			17,096 77
Interest Revenue Fund—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	263,320 19				
Charges	1,245,500 00	1,508,820 19			
Credits			142,132 12	1 366,688 07	
Police Revenue Fund—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	45,861 50				
Charges	375,000 00	420,861 50	75,000 00	345,861 50	
Credits					

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Public Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	117,910 91				
Credits	13,853 23		131,764 14		
Charges		54,000 00			77,764 14
Street Revenue Fund—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	108,629 17				
Charges	346,900 00	455,529 17			
Credits			159,648 98	295,880 19	
Water Pipe Revenue Fund—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	18,492 97				
Charges	1,500 00	19,992 97		19,992 97	
Salaries—Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	1,285 49				
Appropriation	130,000 00		131,285 49		
Charges	51,908 81				
Transfers	28,285 49	80,194 30			
Scales—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	953 38				
Appropriation	1,600 00		2,553 38		
Charges	208 81				
Transfers	1,553 38	1,762 19			791 19
Special Tax Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	1,469 45				
Appropriation	6,000 00		7,469 45		
Charges	2,328 38				
Transfers	3,469 45	5,797 83			1,671 62
Special Tax Purchasing Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	561 65		561 65		
Transfer		561 65			
Scavenger Dumps. "Salaries"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	498 91				
Appropriation	8,800 00		9,298 91		

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Charges	3,149 30				
Transfers	2,298 91	5,448 21			3,850 70
Scavenger Dumps. "Construction and Repairs"—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	18 50				
Appropriation	6,000 00		6,018 50		
Charges	2,402 89				
Transfers	3,018 50	5,421 39			597 11
10 Sewers—					
Mill Creek Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	103,715 39		103,715 39		103,715 39
Rocky Branch Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	16,768 91		16,768 91		
Charges		3,762 80			13,006 11
Arsenal Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	117,702 28		117 702 28		
Charges		5,315 00			112,387 28
Grande Avenue Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	18 83	18 83	18 83		
Trudeau Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	2,150 00		2,150 00		2,150 00
St. Louis Avenue Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	78	78	78		
Chambers Street Sewer Fund	35	35	35		
Stein Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10. 1876	1,130 00				
Appropriation	3,000 00		4,130 00		
Charges		2,380 00			1,750 00
Ferry Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	920 00		920 00		
Charges		919 50			50
Branch to Arsenal Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	999 74				
Appropriation	500 00		1,499 74		
Transfer		999 74			500 00
Biddle Street Sewer Fund—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	6,359 42		6,359 42		
Charges		3,310 48			3,048 94
Elliot Avenue Sewer Fund		580 00	3,500 00		2,920 00

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit..	Debit.	Credit.
Grand Avenue Sewer Fund	.....	.....	6,000 00	.....	6,000 00
Grand Avenue Sewer Fund	.....	.....	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00
Branch to Camp Spring Sewer Fund	.....	680 00	1,000 00	.....	320 00
Public Sewer Fund. "Construction"	.....	4,559 50	4,559 50	.....	.....
Public Sewer Fund. "Miscellaneous Repairs"—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	833 53	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appropriation	35,000 00	.....	35,833 53	.....	.....
Charges	12,597 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfers	7,833 53	20,430 88	.....	.....	15,402 65
Streets—Cleaning Streets—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	7,134 26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appropriation	96,000 00	.....	103,134 26	.....	.....
Charges	40,567 07	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfers	28,134 26	68,701 33	.....	.....	34,432 93
Repairs of Streets. "Macadam"—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	11,328 91	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appropriation	132,000 00	.....	143,328 91	.....	.....
Charges	63,739 04	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfers	39,428 91	103,167 95	.....	.....	40,160 96
Repairs of Streets. "Nicholson"—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	1,793 73	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appropriation	22,000 00	.....	23,793 73	.....	.....
Charges	18,983 38	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfer	4,793 73	23,777 11	.....	.....	16 62
Repairs of Streets. "Salaries"—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	923 66	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appropriation	60,000 00	.....	60,923 66	.....	.....
Charges	28,910 61	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfers	10,923 66	39,834 27	.....	.....	21,089 39
First District Fund—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	6,009 77	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Charges	8,190 69	14,200 46			
Credits			21,638 54		7,438 08
Second District Fund—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	113,740 81				
Credits	33,503 87		147,244 68		
Charges		21,119 78			126,124 90
Third District Fund—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	373 44				
Charges	3,068 66	3,442 10			
Credits			6,989 12		3,547 02
Opening Streets. "Assessment"—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	72,568 42				
Appropriation	29,500 00		102,068 42		
Charges		75,068 42			27,000 00
Opening Streets. "Expenses"—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	801 08				
Transfers	1,400 00				
Charges	2,161 76	4,362 84			
Appropriation	7,400 00				
Credits	801 08		8,201 08		3,838 24
Opening Streets. "Floating Debt"—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	986 81				
Transfers	500 00				
Charges	305 13	1,791 94			
Appropriation	10,900 00				
Credits	986 81		11,886 81		10,094 87
St. Louis Gas Light Co. "Stock"—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	30,000 00	30,000 00		30,000 00	
St. Louis Gas Light Co. "Gas Contract"—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	545,669 48		545,669 48		545,669 48
St. Louis Gas Light Co. "Dividend Bonds"—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	7,000 00		7,000 00		7,000 00
Sinking Fund—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	1,174,406 89				
Appropriation	10,000 00				
Credits	281 66		1,184,688 55		1,184,688 55
Treasury Warrant Account. "Old"—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	26,341 00	26,341 00		26,341 00	

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Credit.	Debit.	Credit.	Debit.
Unpaid Warrant Account—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	15,910 01				
Credits	48,869 17		64,779 18		
Charges		15,910 01			48,869 17
Water-pipe—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	19,975 70				
Appropriation	1,500 00		21,475 70		
Charges		20,061 35			1,414 35
Wharf North. "Floating Debt"—					
Credit balance April 10th, 1876	292 20				
Appropriation	3,300 00		3,592 20		
Charges	414 00				
Transfers	1,292 20	1,706 20			1,886 00
Work-house—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	63				
Appropriation	49,500 00		49,500 63		
Charges	21,516 03				
Transfers	9,500 63	31,016 66			18,483 97
Fiscal Officers—					
Allison, Erasmus, Ex-Boiler Inspector—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	1,805 00	1,805 00	1,805 00		
Bell, Leverett, City Counselor—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	825 00	825 00	825 00		
Chauvenet, Regis, Gas Inspector—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	19 00	19 00		19 00	
Cornelius, T. J., City Attorney—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	130 00	130 00		130 00	
Courtney, M. J., Clerk 13th Ward Police Court		1 50	1 50		
Engel, F. W., Ex-Clerk Court Criminal Correction—					
Credit balance April 10, 1876	45 00		45 00		45 00
Farish, E. T., City Counselor		800 00		800 00	

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Geisel, Andrew, Treasurer—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	256,510 34				
Charges (Cash Receipts)	2,085,080 21				
Unpaid Warrants	48,869 17	2,390,459 72			
Credits (Warrants drawn)	1,774,429 48				
Warrants on hand April 10, 1876	15,910 01		1,790,339 49	600,120 23	
Gottschalk, F. & L., Special Tax Attorneys—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	10,691 62	10,691 62		10,691 62	
Hanenkamp, R. P., Comptroller Miscellaneous Acc'ts—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	14,055 00	14,055 00		14,055 00	
Hanenkamp, R. P., Comptroller Gen'l Revenue Ac't—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	25,269 70				
Charges	216,622 45	241,892 15	225,979 09	15,913 06	
Hartnett, John C., Inspector Weights and Measures		4,277 72	1,283 45	2,994 27	
Holland, John, Boiler Inspector		6,190 00	4,130 00	2,060 00	
Lemoine, J. B. S., Ex-City Collector—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	34,320 45				
Charges	18,511 22	52,831 67	52,831 67		
McBride, J. W., Clerk Police Court—					
Debit balance April 10, 1876	26 00				
Charges	84 00	110 00	51 50	58 50	
O'Brien, R. H., Clerk Board of Health		30 00	30 00		
O'Gallagher, Jas., Clerk Board of Health		155 00	103 00	52 00	
O'Sullivan, T. L., ex-Inspector of W'ghts & Meas—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	1,182 07	1,182 07	848 51	333 56	
Papin, Theophile, State and County Collector		224,978 41	224,978 41		
Pourcely, Chas. E., Marshal 13th Ward		436 00	303 50	132 50	
Sexton, H. C., Chief Eng. Fire Dept., "B'ld. Permits."		1,864 50	1,864 50		
Slevin, John R., Marshall—					
Fines and Fees—Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	199 63				
Credits	8,765 50		8,965 13		
Charges		7,807 75			1,157 38
Slevin, John R., Execution Account—					
Debit balance, April 10th 1876	284 74				
Charges	30 10	314 84	314 84		
Stevenson, John D., City Collector		233,604 44	181,831 91	51,772 53	
Stussel, Henry, Supt. Work-house—					
Credit balance, April 10th, 1876	214 95				

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Credits	10,807 65		11,022 60		
Charges		10,909 35			113 25
Watson, John A., County Marshal		51 50	51 50		
Market Masters—					
Dolan, M. J., City Market, debit bal., April 10th, 1876	5 00				
Charges	200 00	205 00	205 00		
Guinney, J., Centre Market, debit bal., April 10, 1876.	6 00	6 00	6 00		
Horan, Simon, Union M'kt, debit bal., April 10, 1876..	33 00	33 00	33 00		
Lynch, D. D., Lucas Market		4 00	4 00		
McHale, Thos., Union Market		10 00	10 00		
Weighers—					
Berthold, B., Lucas M'kt, debit bal., April 10th, 1876.	198 55				
Charges	427 50	626 05	456 20	169 85	
Bonecum, John E., N. Levee Scales—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	22 90				
Charges	1,212 50	1,235 40	1,107 20	128 20	
Bruno, John, Centre Market Scales—					
Debit balance, April 10th, 1876	147 35				
Charges	212 50	359 85	244 25	115 60	
Devoy, Dennis, City Market Scales—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	143 35				
Charges	800 00	943 35	583 05	360 30	
Heitmeyer, Wm., S. Levee Scales—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	276 00	276 00	275 00	1 00	
Kirby, John J., S. Levee Scales		1,042 65	956 65	86 00	
McCaffery, James, Bridge Scales—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	399 40				
Charges	2,812 50	3,212 90	2,324 70	887 20	
Sicking, Wm. B., Soulard Market Scales—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	139 00				
Charges	206 00	345 00	280 20	64 80	

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Tucker, James, Carondelet Market Scales—					
Debit balance April 10th, 1876	158 10	158 10	93 45	64 65	.....
Delinquents—					
Susisky, M. E	45,195 18	45,195 18	.....	45,195 18	.....
Baum, F. W	922 13	922 13	.....	922 13	.....
Moriarty, E. J	178 00	178 00	.....	178 00	.....
Sallmaun, S. F	149 32	149 32	.....	149 32	.....
Garrity, James	5 25	5 25	.....	5 25	.....
Mehl, F. C	336 00	336 00	336 00	.....	.....
Thomas, Emile	640 00	640 00	.....	640 00	.....
Opening Streets and Alleys—					
Wright street, credit balance	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	500 00
Virginia street, credit balance	285 50	.....	285 50	.....	285 50
Waterworks street, credit balance	366 86	.....	366 86	.....	366 86
Pontiac street, debit balance	287 40	287 40	.....	287 40	.....
Ninth street, credit balance	773 37	.....	773 37	.....	773 37
Walnut street, credit balance	10,658 43	.....	10,658 43	.....	10,658 43
Lafayette street, debit balance	131 07	131 07	.....	131 07	.....
Washington avenue, credit balance	37 55	.....	37 55	.....	37 55
Lucas avenue, credit balance	43 09	.....	43 09	.....	43 09
Shenandoah street, credit balance	89 91	.....	89 91	.....	89 91
Dickson street, credit balance	88 06	.....	88 06	.....	88 06
Market street, S. S. L., credit balance	44 75	.....	44 75	.....	44 75
Twenty-first street, credit balance	4 55	.....	4 55	.....	4 55
Twenty-second street, credit balance	17 94	.....	17 94	.....	17 94
Franklin avenue, credit balance	2,064 90	.....	2,064 90	.....	2,064 90
Hebert street and Elliot avenue, credit balance	1,085 55	.....	1,085 55	.....	1,085 55
Catalan street, credit balance	58 20	.....	58 20	.....	58 20
Pine street, credit balance	422 19	345 26	422 19	.....	76 93
Twelfth street, credit balance	13 70	.....	13 70	.....	13 70
Sixth street, credit balance	1,962 17	.....	1,962 17	.....	1,962 17
Victor street, credit balance	2,601 66	.....	2,601 66	.....	2,601 66
Branch street, debit balance	671 17	671 17	.....	671 17	.....
Van Buren street, debit balance	10 57	10 57	.....	10 57	.....
Caroline street, credit balance	1,611 88	.....	1,611 88	.....	1,611 88
Schild avenue, debit balance	164 80	164 80	.....	164 80	.....
St. Louis avenue, credit balance	435 82	406 89	435 82	.....	28 93

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ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES, April 10, 1876.	FACE OF GENERAL LEDGER, October 9, 1876.		BALANCES.	
		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Emily street, credit balance	2,423 15	2,423 15	2,423 15		
Delmar avenue, credit balance	216 00		216 00		216 00
Argyle avenue		5,089 00	6,573 62		1,484 62
St. Alphonsus street		2,500 00	2,245 05	254 95	
Pine street		3,366 32	4,519 36		1,153 04
Sophia street			1,346 40		1,346 40
Alley in blocks 1984–5, debit balance	297 94	297 94		297 94	
Alley in block 1815, credit balance	103 18		103 18		103 18
Alley in block 1229, debit balance	221 39	221 39		221 39	
Alley in blocks 1988–89, credit balance	61 30		61 30		61 30
Alley in block 241, credit balance	1,327 86		1,327 86		1,327 86
Alley in block 2300, credit balance	28 02		28 02		28 02
Alley in block 1036, credit balance	22 65		22 65		22 65
Alley in block 1717, debit balance	1 00	1 00		1 00	
Alley in block 1059, credit balance	112 48		112 48		112 48
Alley in block 55, credit balance	25 97		25 97		25 97
Alley in block 1107, credit balance	31 22		31 22		31 22
Opening alley in block 1817–12, credit balance	47 01		47 01		47 01
Alley in block 430, credit balance	4 15		4 15		4 15
Alley in block 2263, credit balance	16 23		16 23		16 23
Alley in block 134, credit balance	40		40		40
Alley in block 650, credit balance	13 30		13 30		13 30
Alley in block 1034, credit balance	984 31		984 31		984 31
Alley in block 1062, credit balance	249 13		249 13		249 13
Alley in block 475, credit balance	103 78		103 78		103 78
Alley in block 2362, debit balance	58 50	58 50		58 50	
Alley in block 2288, credit balance	01		01		01
Alley in block 339, credit balance	414 06	409 33	414 06		4 73
Alley in block 1706, credit balance	500 00	480 17	500 00		19 83
Alley in block 1714, credit balance	215 00	163 21	215 00		51 79
Alley in block 998, credit balance	597 84	597 84	597 84		

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Alley in block 1837, credit balance	332 66		332 66		332 66
Alley in block 2260, credit balance	766 02	788 90	766 02	17 88	
Alley in block 1035, credit balance	317 32	208 72	317 32		108 60
Alley in block 1729, credit balance	590 86	260 27	590 86		330 59
Alley in block 2253–6, credit balance		1,195 41	1,195 41		
Alley in block 210, credit balance			63 00		63 00
Alley in block 2347, credit balance		72 57	160 23		87 66
Alley in block 690, credit balance		578 47	1,088 58		510 11
Alley in block 1811, credit balance		199 27	284 45		85 18
Alley in block 1329–28, credit balance		104 033	1,311 16		270 83
Alley in block 151, credit balance		13 09	323 95		310 86
Condemning Right-of-Way of Mill Creek Sewer, cr. bal.	2,301 95	2,299 24	2,301 95		2 71
Opening Street Trust Fund	22,692 27	1,195 41	22,692 27		21,496 86
Grading Streets and Alleys in the First District—					
Improvement ordinance 7742	81 77		81 77		81 77
Improvement ordinance 7768	856 10		856 10		856 10
Improvement ordinance 8041	1,282 31		1,282 31		1,282 31
Improvement ordinance 8036	227 00		227 00		227 00
Barry street, ordinance 8766	373 00		373 00		373 00
Kosciusko street, ordinance 8770	569 75	569 75	569 75		
Rosatti street, ordinance 8230	27 96	27 96	27 96		
Buel street, ordinance 8629	175 00	175 00	175 00		
Second Carondelet avenue, ordinance 8633	1,650 00		1,650 00		1,650 00
Railroad slough, ordinance 6330	6,019 39	6,019 39	6,019 39		
Carroll street, ordinance 8471	2,000 00		2,000 00		2,000 00
Grattan street, ordinance 8248	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Cerre street, ordinance 8638	400 00		400 00		400 00
Eighteenth street, ordinance 7554	1 45	1 45	1 45		
Chambers and other streets, ordinance 7003	3,907 02	3,907 02	3,907 02		
Ninth street, ordinance 8512	116 48		604 52		604 52
Warren street, ordinance 8516	7 63	7 63	7 63		
Park avenue, ordinance 8998	1,395 38		1,395 38		1,395 38
Mullanphy street, ordinance 9036	400 00		400 00		400 00
Victor street, ordinance 9083	1,023 25	1,484 97	3,023 25		1,538 28
Eighth street, ordinance 9229	131 88	131 88	131 88		
Main street, ordinance 9093	300 00	250 08	300 00		49 92
Sidney street, ordinance 9094	2,436 60	2,000 00	2,436 60		436 60
Phœnix street, ordinance 9101	168 00	168 00	168 00		

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		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Linn street, ordinance 9102	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	500 00
State street, ordinance 9103	234 40	234 40	234 40	.....	.....
Ann avenue, ordinance 9108	200 80	200 80	200 80	.....	.....
Spruce street, ordinance 9152	212 00	212 00	212 00	.....	.....
Belmont street, ordinance 9154	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	600 00
Barton street, ordinance 8588	20	20	20	.....	.....
Kosciusko street, ordinance 9312	368 80	368 80	368 80	.....	.....
Dorcas street, ordinance 9314	830 00	.....	830 00	.....	830 00
Lafayette street, ordinance 9315	53 76	23 76	53 76	.....	30 00
Fourteenth street, ordinance 9317	17 35	17 35	17 35	.....	.....
Soulard street, ordinance 8490	2,600 00	1,077 75	2,600 00	.....	1,522 25
Curran street, ordinance 8509	935 00	313 15	935 00	.....	621 85
Marion street, ordinance 9344	203 00	152 46	203 00	.....	50 54
McRee street, ordinance 9370	243 20	.....	243 20	.....	243 20
Thirteenth street, ordinance 8631	1,192 65	.....	1,192 65	.....	1,192 65
Sixth street, ordinance 9589	151 16	151 16	151 16	.....	.....
Columbus street, ordinance 9625	204 46	204 46	204 46	.....	.....
Second street, ordinance 9626	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00
Louisa street, ordinance 9628	403 30	303 27	403 30	.....	100 00
E. ½ Eleventh street, ordinance 9632	32 50	32 50	32 50	.....	.....
DeKalb street, ordinance 9637	190 00	90 00	190 00	.....	100 00
Second Carondelet avenue, ordinance 9663	116 10	83 85	116 10	.....	32 25
Eighth street, ordinance 9664	570 10	321 30	570 10	.....	248 80
Webster street, ordinance 9748	150 00	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
Twelfth street, ordinance 9908	150 00	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
Tayon avenue, ordinance 9917	60 00	.....	60 00	.....	60 00
Lavis street, ordinance 9918	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	700 00
Marion Alley, ordinance 9924	975 00	.....	975 00	.....	975 00
Seventh street, ordinance 9867	39 00	.....	39 00	.....	39 00
Jackson street, ordinance 9955	500 00	121 50	500 00	.....	378 50
Alley in block 437, ordinance 8751	18 88	18 88	18 88	.....	.....

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Alley in block 159, ordinance 8600	250 00		250 00	250 00
Alley in block 452 S., ordinance 8615	60 00		60 00	60 00
Alley in block 807, ordinance 8855	58	58	58	
Alley in block 287, ordinance 8860	2 20	2 20	2 20	
Alley in block 18, ordinance 8542	300 00		300 00	300 00
Alley in block 798, ordinance 8870	16 37	16 37	16 37	
Alley in block 443, ordinance 8872	1,335 00		1,335 00	1,335 00
Alley in block 587, ordinance 8884	100 00		100 00	100 00
Alley in block 586, ordinance 8752	5 00	5 00	5 00	
Alley in block 482, ordinance 8890	100 00	100 00	100 00	
Alley in block 200, ordinance 9012	80 00	80 00	80 00	
Alley in block 1254, ordinance 9018	624 25	624 25	624 25	
Alley in block 476, ordinance 9021	125 00		125 00	125 00
Alley in block 585, ordinance 9236	58 24	58 24	58 24	
Alley in block 728, ordinance 8585	90 00		90 00	90 00
Alley in block 816, ordinance 8612	4 40	4 40	4 40	
Alley in block 650, ordinance 9237	78 67	78 67	78 67	
Alley in block 1964, ordinance 9238	559 80		559 80	559 80
Alley in block 148, ordinance 9283	100 00	100 00	100 00	
Alley in block 885, ordinance 9284	53 00	53 00	53 00	
Alley in block 592, ordinance 9286	10 20	10 20	10 20	
Alley in block 792, ordinance 9371	400 00		400 00	400 00
Alley in blocks 1411–1412, ordinance 9372	150 00	81 00	150 00	69 00
Alley in block 793, ordinance 9373	10 22		10 22	10 22
Alley in block 470, ordinance 9395	85 80	85 80	85 80	
Alley in block 892, ordinance 9045	86 50	86 50	86 50	
Alley in block 784, ordinance 9674	91 24	91 24	91 24	
Alley in block 680, ordinance 9675	50 00	44 60	50 00	5 40
Alley in block 812, ordinance 9714	312 50		312 50	312 50
Alley in block 206, ordinance 9725	27 25	27 25	27 25	
Alley in block 788, ordinance 9759	289 40	289 40	289 40	
Alley in block 453, ordinance 9760	354 20		354 20	354 20
Alley in block 790, ordinance 9764	10 40	10 40	10 40	
Alley in block 805, ordinance 9883	150 00	50 40	150 00	99 60
Alley in block 339, ordinance 9892	75 00	54 40	75 00	20 60
Alley in block 595, ordinance 9905	80 00		80 00	80 00
Alley in block 600, ordinance 9938	75 00		75 00	75 00
Alley in block 619, ordinance 9939	285 00		285 00	285 00

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		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Alley in block 608, ordinance 9942	115 00	.....	115 00	.....	115 00
Alley in block 597, ordinance 9943	140 00	.....	140 00	.....	140 00
Alley in block 794, ordinance 9866	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
Alley in block 585, ordinance 9574	13 92	13 92	13 92	.....	.....
Grading Streets and Alleys in the Second District—					
Improvement, ordinance 7740	1,745 67	.....	1,745 67	.....	1,745 67
Improvement, ordinance 7741	4,594 60	.....	4,594 60	.....	4,594 60
Improvement, ordinance 7769	1,564 30	.....	1,564 30	.....	1,564 30
Improvement, ordinance 8016	8,802 35	666 80	9,552 35	.....	8,885 55
Improvement, ordinance 8035	759 10	.....	759 10	.....	759 10
Improvement, ordinance 8037	1,943 05	.....	1,943 05	.....	1,943 05
Improvement, ordinance 8039	8,712 34	1,005 82	8,712 34	.....	7,706 52
Columbus street, ordinance 8421	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	250 00
East half California avenue, ordinance 7378	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....
Ohio avenue, ordinance 8138	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	500 00
East half Nebraska avenue, ordinance 8641	408 61	.....	408 61	.....	408 61
Johnson street, ordinance 7368	160 63	.....	160 63	.....	160 63
Toney street, ordinance 7131	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00
Grand avenue, ordinance 8593	400 40	.....	400 40	.....	400 40
Hickory street, ordinance 8623	1,150 00	.....	1,150 00	.....	1,150 00
South half Manchester road, ordinance 7203	462 89	462 89	462 89	.....	.....
Grand avenue, ordinance 8584	1,100 00	....	1,100 00	.....	1,100 00
Compton avenne ordinance 8137	5 98	5 98	5 98	.....	.....
Walnut street, ordinance 8105	1,435 77	.....	1,435 77	.....	1,435 77
Channing avenue, ordinance 8473	1,650 64	1,650 64	1,650 64	.....	.....
Laclede avenue, ordinance 8513	875 00	191 87	875 00	.....	683 13
Locust street, ordinance 8467	367 47	367 47	367 47	.....	.....
East Bell street, ordinance 8519	113 00	113 00	113 00	.....	.....
Dickson street, ordinance 7045	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00
Twenty-fourth street ordinance 7241	1,700 00	.....	1,700 00	.....	1,700 00
Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, ord. 7192	3,670 00	.....	3,670 00	....	3,670 00

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Twenty-eighth street, ordinance 8495	147 27		147 27	147 27			
Vineyard street, ordinance 8514	1,100 00			1,100 00		1,100 00	
West Sixteenth street, ordinance 7373	1,200 00			1,200 00		1,200 00	
Montgomery street, ordinance 7579	506 44		506 44	506 44			
West half Jefferson avenue, ordinance 7481	80 00			80 00		80 00	
Penrose street, ordinance 8486	181 84		78 63	181 84		103 21	
Hebert street, ordinance 8517	84 58			84 58		84 58	
Natural Bridge road, ordinance 7384	393 94		393 94	393 94			
Augusta street, ordinance 7386	44 60			44 60		44 60	
Grand avenue, ordinance 8419	728 05		526 50	728 05		201 55	
Seventeenth street, ordinance 8499	450 16			450 16		450 16	
Fourteenth street, ordinance 8502	4 17		4 17	4 17			
Kennett street, ordinance 8505	652 77			652 77		652 77	
Magnolia avenue, ordinance 8485	3 94		3 94	3 94			
Clara street, ordinance 8488	1,150 00			1,150 00		1,150 00	
Gravois road, ordinance 8640	01		01	01			
Elizabeth street, ordinance 8945	338 08		338 08	338 08			
Spring avenue, ordinance 8947	220 00			220 00		220 00	
Easton avenue, ordinance 8948	181 75		181 75	181 75			
Joab street, ordinance 8949	10		10	10			
Twenty-first street, ordinance 8953	731 76		731 76	731 76			
Theresa avenue, ordinance 8954	244 90		244 00	244 90			
Bernard street, ordinance 8955	1,700 00			1,700 00		1,700 00	
Francis street, ordinance 8956	53 60		53 60	53 60			
Adolph street, ordinance 8959	216 89		216 89	216 89			
West Nineteenth street, ordinance 8960	52 32			52 32		52 32	
Elizabeth street, ordinance 8961	1,500 00		1,165 59	1,500 00		334 41	
Twenty-second street, ordinance 8964	357 15		172 12	357 15		185 03	
Spruce street, ordinance 8967	1,190 00			1,190 00		1,190 00	
Ulrici street, ordinance 8968	1,623 10		139 59	1,623 10		1,483 51	
Dickson street, ordinance 8970	873 09		873 09	873 09			
Noeme street, ordinance 8986	3,000 00			3,000 00		3,000 00	
West Bellefontaine road, ordinance 8990	637 60			637 60		637 60	
Sarah street, ordinance 8627	375 00			375 00		375 00	
Hebert street, ordinance 8996	1,023 82		334 62	1,023 82		689 20	
Thomas street, ordinance 8997	1,000 00			1,000 00		1,000 00	
Theresa street, ordinance 8999	157 58		157 58	157 58			
Ferry street, ordinance 9000	2,310 00		1,009 20	2,310 00		1,300 80	

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		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Channing avenue, ordinance 9002	688 50	688 50	688 50	.....	.....
Hebert street, ordinance 9006	52 30	52 30	52 30	.....	.....
Convent street, ordinance 9009	2,365 02	.....	2,365 02	.....	2,365 02
Russell avenue, ordinance 9024	440 90	440 90	440 90	.....	.....
Magazine street, ordinance 9029	421 54	421 54	421 54	.....	.....
Adele street, ordinance 9030	726 40	726 40	726 40	.....	.....
Clara street, ordinance 9031	294 00	294 00	294 00	.....	.....
Wellington avenue, ordinance 9032	1,765 00	.....	1,765 00	.....	1,765 00
Potomac street, ordinance 9033	2 80	2 80	2 80	.....	.....
North Market street, ordinance 9035	520 96	520 96	520 96	.....	.....
Winnebago street, debit balance, ordinance 9037	01	01	01	.....	.....
Pennsylvania avenue, ordinance 9038	09	09	09	.....	.....
Indiana avenue, ordinance 9082	858 89	225 34	858 89	.....	633 55
Adele street, ordinance 9085	134 64	134 64	134 64	.....	.....
West Nineteenth street, ordinance 9086	204 50	.....	204 50	.....	204 50
Illinois avenue, ordinance 9089	800 05	.....	800 05	.....	800 05
McNair avenue, ordinance 9090	20 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Oregon avenue, ordinance 9092	1,204 00	619 97	1,204 00	.....	584 03
Adams street, ordinance 9095	1,056 80	139 32	1,056 80	.....	917 48
Hickory street, ordinance 9097	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	400 00
California avenue, ordinance 9098	410 70	410 70	410 70	.....	.....
California avenue, ordinance 9099	1,301 06	.....	1,301 06	.....	1,301 06
Salena street, ordinance 9105	4 20	4 20	4 20	.....	.....
Page avenue, ordinance 9106	900 00	.....	900 00	.....	900 00
Lucas avenue, ordinance 9107	452 43	452 43	452 43	.....	.....
Twenty-first street, ordinance 6598	1,174 50	.....	1,174 50	.....	1,174 50
South half Benton street, ordinance 9230	84	84	84	.....	.....
West Twentieth street, ordinance 9231	325 00	325 00	325 00	.....	.....
Julia street, ordinance 9297	246 61	246 61	246 61	.....	.....
Russell avenue, ordinance 9298	356 64	356 64	356 64	.....	.....
Kossuth avenue, ordinance 9299	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	600 00

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Bryan street, ordinance 9300	751 60	.....	751 60	.....	751 60
Dorcas street, ordinance 9314	1,350 00	396 00	1,350 00	.....	954 00
Illinois avenue, ordinance 9346	1,369 44	.....	1,369 44	.....	1,369 44
Potomac street, ordinance 9347	1,056 25	.....	1,056 25	.....	1,056 25
Half street, ordinance 9369	522 90	522 90	522 90	.....	.....
Lynch street, ordinance 9391	157 24	.....	157 24	.....	157 24
South Eighteenth street, ordinance 9392	1 20	1 20	1 20	.....	.....
Sixteenth street, ordinance 9394	54 65	54 65	54 65	.....	.....
Lucas street, ordinance 9622	4,113 88	495 25	4,113 88	.....	3,618 63
Caswell street, ordinance 9623	633 11	437 08	633 11	.....	196 03
Penrose street, ordinance 9624	640 00	.....	640 00	.....	640 00
Gravois road, ordinance 9627	388 00	388 00	388 00	.....	.....
Papin street, ordinance 9630	147 46	.....	147 46	.....	147 46
Centre place, ordinance 9631	1,629 20	.....	1,629 20	.....	1,629 20
Cardinal avenue, ordinance 9633	65 37	65 37	65 37	.....	.....
Virginia avenue, ordinance 9634	1,485 00	.....	1,485 00	.....	1,485 00
Chouteau avenue, ordinance 9636	173 48	173 48	173 48	.....	.....
Virginia street, ordinance 9638	1,658 00	233 59	1,658 00	.....	1,424 41
Jefferson avenue, ordinance 9639	1,419 35	988 35	1,419 35	.....	431 00
Russell avenue, ordinance 9655	773 20	470 94	773 20	.....	302 26
Angelica street, ordinance 9657	349 88	49 31	349 88	.....	300 57
Angelica street, ordinance 9658	4,743 50	.....	4,743 50	.....	4,743 50
Missouri avenue, ordinance 9660	1 64	1 64	1 64	.....	.....
Carondelet avenue, ordinance 9661	42 90	42 90	42 90	.....	.....
Twelfth street, ordinance 9662	381 44	193 96	381 44	.....	187 48
Second Carondelet avenue, ordinance 9663	315 00	283 36	315 00	.....	31 64
Guilford street, ordinance 9665	2,265 18	803 77	2,265 18	.....	1,461 41
Bonhomme, ordinance 9666	975 15	229 50	975 15	.....	745 65
Buel street, ordinance 9681	8 08	8 08	8 08	.....	.....
McNair avenue, ordinance 9682	14 36	14 36	14 36	.....	.....
Jefferson avenue, ordinance 9683	1,760 63	862 17	1,760 63	.....	898 46
Oregon avenue, ordinance 9684	1,290 80	403 20	1,290 80	.....	887 60
Barsaloux street, ordinance 9695	73 70	73 70	73 70	.....	.....
Pestalozzi street, ordinance 9696	500 00	110 85	500 00	.....	389 15
Haren street, ordinance 9697	179 20	179 20	179 20	.....	.....
Virginia street, ordinance 9698	449 20	449 20	449 20	.....	.....
California avenue, ordinance 9699	269 25	222 77	269 25	.....	46 48
McNair avenue, ordinance 9700	3 16	3 16	3 16	.....	.....

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		Debit.	Credit.	Debit.	Credit.
Penrose avenue, ordinance 9702	231 81	.....	231 81	.....	231 81
Ware avenue, ordinance 9703	41 87	41 87	41 87	.....	.....
Von Phul street, ordinance 9704	1,750 00	.....	1,750 00	.....	1,750 00
Spring avenue, ordinance 9705	2,027 98	235 35	2,027 98	.....	1,792 63
Garrison avenue, ordinance 9706	1,740 51	306 61	1,740 51	.....	1,433 90
Theresa avenue, ordinance 9708	2,250 00	100 98	2,250 00	.....	2,149 02
Grand avenue, ordinance 9747	7 48	7 48	7 48	.....	.....
Delmar avenue, ordinance 9749	47	100 00	100 47	.....	47
McNulty avenue, ordinance 9750	231 60	62 89	231 60	.....	168 71
Sarah street, ordinance 9751	550 00	232 20	550 00	.....	317 80
Virginia avenue, ordinance 9842	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Chippewa street, ordinance 9841	1,760 00	.....	1,760 00	.....	1,760 00
O'Fallon street, ordinance 9847	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	250 00
Schild avenue, ordinance 9884	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	400 00
McNair avenue, ordinance 9885	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
Blow street, ordinance 9886	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	250 00
Virginia street, ordinance 9906	140 00	.....	140 00	.....	140 00
Garrison avenue, ordinance 9907	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Ninth street, ordinance 9915	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
St. Louis avenue, ordinance 9916	625 00	121 50	625 00	.....	503 50
Pennsylvania avenue, ordinance 9921	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
Newhouse avenue, ordinance 9922	500 00	99 56	500 00	.....	400 44
Evans avenue, ordinance 9934	275 00	.....	275 00	.....	275 00
Toney st eet, ordinance 9935	220 00	.....	220 00	.....	220 00
Seventh street, ordinance 9867	39 00	.....	39 00	.....	39 00
Ann avenue, ordinance 9868	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00
Jefferson avenue, ordinance 9869	875 00	.....	875 00	.....	875 00
Bar aloux street, ordinance 9952	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	500 00
Pratte avenue, ordinance 9953	175 00	.....	175 00	.....	175 00
Ninth street, ordinance 9954	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	600 00
High street, ordinance 9956	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00

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Salamon avenue, ordinance 9957	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
Hebert street, ordinance 9959	625 00	.....	625 00	.....	625 00
Alley in block 1093, ordinance 8753	10 70	10 70	10 70	.....	.....
Alley in block 889, ordinance 8426	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Alley in block 1213, ordinance 8859	20	20	20	.....	.....
Alley in block 2323, ordinance 8862	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	250 00
Alley in block 485, ordinance 8616	100 00	80 50	100 00	.....	19 50
Alley in block 2553, ordinance 8147	51 50	.....	51 50	.....	51 50
Alley in block 1244, ordinance 8864	215 00	.....	215 00	.....	215 00
Alley in block 1188, ordinance 8868	64 81	64 81	64 81	.....	.....
Alley in block 1672, ordinance 8876	405 00	.....	405 00	.....	405 00
Alley in block 1043, ordinance 8539	350 00	241 35	350 00	.....	108 65
Alley in block 1045, ordinance 8540	194 50	194 50	194 50	.....	.....
Alley in block 2300, ordinance 8529	86 14	86 14	86 14	.....	.....
Alley in block 1839, ordinance 8554	72 88	72 88	72 88	.....	.....
Alley in block 1854, ordinance 8891	22 00	22 00	22 00	.....	.....
Alley in block 1858, ordinance 8892	475 00	.....	475 00	.....	475 00
Alley in block 973, ordinance 8893	435 00	59 33	435 00	.....	375 67
Alley in block 1815, ordinance 8925	650 00	132 50	650 00	.....	517 50
Alley in block 1271, ordinance 8926	750 00	.....	750 00	.....	750 00
Alley in block 1824, ordinance 8927	990 00	618 75	990 00	.....	371 25
Alley in block 1966, ordinance 8928	45 00	.....	45 00	.....	45 00
Alley in block 1001, ordinance 8930	74 39	74 39	74 39	.....	.....
Alley in block 1959, ordinance 8932	792 86	19 93	792 86	.....	772 93
Alley in block 2226, ordinance 8933	308 96	308 96	308 96	.....	.....
Alley in block 458, ordinance 8934	2 36	2 36	2 36	.....	.....
Alley in block 2161, ordinance 9013	210 00	.....	210 00	.....	210 00
Alley in block 1003, ordinance 8254	138 00	138 00	138 00	.....	.....
Alley in block 1128, ordinance 9015	60 12	60 12	60 12	.....	.....
Alley in block 1050, ordinance 9016	500 00	307 80	500 00	.....	192 20
Alley in block 1984–5, ordinance 9019	235 58	235 58	235 58	.....	.....
Alley in block 1847, ordinance 9044	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Alley in block 1262, ordinance 9115	920 00	.....	920 00	.....	920 00
Alley in block 1059, ordinance 9148	138 60	138 60	138 60	.....	.....
Alley in block 885, ordinance 9284	140 60	140 60	140 60	.....	.....
Alley in block 970, ordinance 9287	36 12	36 12	36 12	.....	.....
Alley in block 1536, ordinance 9324	600 00	397 80	600 00	.....	202 20
Alley in block 1419, ordinance 9325	166 00	.....	166 00	.....	166 00

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		Credit	Deb t.	Credit.	Debit.
Alley in block 1424, ordinance 9326	114 00	.....	114 00	.....	114 00
Alley in block 1996, ordinance 9327	52 00	.....	52 00	.....	52 00
Alley in block 1040, ordinance 9374	18 20	18 20	18 20	.....	.....
Alley in block 595, ordinance 9377	40	40	40	.....	.....
Alley in block 2224, ordinance 9397	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Alley in block 1817, ordinance 9640	155 00	53 19	155 00	.....	101 81
Alley in block 1030, ordinance 9642	228 00	228 00	228 00	.....	.....
Alley in block 1679, ordinance 9643	77 48	77 48	77 48	.....	.....
Alley in block 1831, ordinance 9644	76 44	76 44	76 44	.....	.....
Alley in block 1994, ordinance 9645	230 00	.....	230 00	.....	230 00
Alley in block 1002, ordinance 9646	186 00	129 32	186 00	.....	56 68
Alley in block 1083, ordinance 9647	4,630 72	876 29	4,630 72	.....	3,754 43
Alley in block 1067, ordinance 9648	99 20	99 20	99 20	.....	.....
Alley in block 1948, ordinance 9649	108 20	108 20	108 20	.....	.....
Alley in block 1718, ordinance 9670	352 00	.....	352 00	.....	352 00
Alley in block 1313, ordinance 9676	284 00	124 00	284 00	.....	160 00
Alley in block 1397, ordinance 9677	117 77	117 77	117 77	.....	.....
Alley in block 1400, ordinance 9678	175 00	110 22	175 00	.....	64 78
Alley in block 1415, ordinance 9713	406 00	.....	406 00	.....	406 00
Alley in block 812, ordinance 9714	312 50	.....	312 50	.....	312 50
Alley in block 2400, ordinance 9715	410 00	.....	410 00	.....	410 00
Alley in block 2263, ordinance 9716	475 00	25 20	475 00	.....	449 80
Alley in block 1856, ordinance 9718	344 60	57 60	344 60	.....	287 00
Alley in block 1791, ordinance 9719	100 00	27 27	100 00	.....	72 73
Alley in block 1717, ordinance 9720	180 60	166 82	180 60	.....	13 78
Alley in block 1005, ordinance 9721	175 00	114 55	175 00	.....	60 45
Alley in block 1046, ordinance 9724	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Alley in blocks 1984-5, ordinance 9761	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Alley in block 1102, ordinance 9763	454 00	.....	454 00	.....	454 00
Alley in block 1203, ordinance 9766	4 19	.....	4 19	.....	4 19
Alley in block 2278, ordinance 9904	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	100 00

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Alley in block 1833, ordinance 9940	265 00	.....	265 00	.....	265 00
Alley in blocks 1832 and 2299, ordinance 9941	225 00	144 00	225 00	.....	81 00
Alley in block 2308, ordinance 9944	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Alley in block 1397, ordinance 9864	125 00	.....	125 00	.....	125 00
Alley in block 1706, ordinance 9865	37 50	.....	37 50	.....	37 50
Alley in block 1655, ordinance 9971	350 00	.....	350 00	.....	350 00
Alley in block 1265, ordinance 9972	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Alley in block 2340, ordinance 10101	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Grading streets and alleys in the Third District—					
Nebraska avenue, ordinance 8971	1,109 52	.....	1,109 52	.....	1,109 52
Third street, ordinance 8944	2,140 38	2,140 38	2,140 38	.....	.....
Fourth street, ordinance 8994	356 52	356 52	356 52	.....	.....
Market street, ordinance 9005	492 97	492 97	492 97	.....	.....
Seventh street, ordinance 9096	345 43	236 56	345 43	.....	108 87
Second street, ordinance 8506	20	.....	20	.....	20
Improvement, ordinance 8038	522 48	.....	522 48	.....	522 48
Main street, ordinance 7367	39 22	39 22	39 22	.....	.....
Osage street, ordinance 9316	1,950 00	.....	1,950 00	.....	1,950 00
Fifth street, ordinance 9366	327 54	327 54	327 54	.....	.....
Sixth street, ordinance 9368	717 87	.....	717 87	.....	717 87
Main street, ordinance 9635	769 90	335 30	769 90	.....	434 60
Taylor street, ordinance 9667	323 92	323 92	323 92	.....	.....
Elwood street, ordinance 9701	235 35	235 35	235 35	.....	.....
St. Louis street, ordinance 9709	496 00	484 33	496 00	.....	11 67
Carondelet road, ordinance 9920	375 00	.....	375 00	.....	375 00
Jefferson avenue, ordinance 9951	2,600 00	1,600 00	2,600 00	.....	1,000 00
Third street, ordinance 9958	325 00	.....	325 00	.....	325 00
Alley in block 3037, ordinance 9375	125 00	.....	125 00	.....	125 00
Alley in block 3139, ordinance 8935	332 10	332 10	332 10	.....	.....
Alley in block 3039, ordinance 9722	86 06	84 93	86 06	.....	1 13
		$42,797,200 38	$42,797,200 38	$36,023,530 94	$36,023,530 94

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, MO., October 20th, 1876.

R. P. Hanenkamp, Esq., City Comptroller:

SIR—I herewith transmit to you the Semi-Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures at the City Treasury for the six months ending on October 9th, 1876, which you will please transmit to the Honorable City Council at the ensuing regular session, commencing on November 13th, 1876.

I remain, yours respectfully,

EDWARD BROOKS,
Assistant Treasurer.

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ABSTRACT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

AT THE CITY TREASURY,

FOR THE FISCAL SIX MONTHS COMMENCING ON APRIL 11, 1876, ENDING OCTOBER 9, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

1876.		DR.		
April 10.	To balance			$256,510 30
Oct. 9.	To amount received from Miscellaneous receipts.	$ 96,096 38		
	" " John R. Slevin	8,987 13		
	" " R. P. Hanenkamp	1,516,263 66		
	" " Theophile Papin	224,978 41		
	" " John E. Bonecum	1,107 20		
	" " Dennis Devoy	583 05		
	" " James McCaffrey	2,311 70		
	" " B. Berthold	440 35		
	" " Wm. Heitmeyer	215 95		
	" " John J. Kirby	956 65		
	" " John Bruno	244 25		
	" " M. J. Doland	185 00		
	" " David D. Lynch	4 00		
	" " Simon Horan	23 00		
	" " Thomas McHale	31 00		
	" " Wm. B. Sicking	280 20		
	" " Jerry Guiney	6 00		
	" " James Tucker	93 45		
	" " R. H. O'Brien	151 55		
	" " Jas. O'Gallaher	1,051 90		
	" " T. L. O'Sullivan	28 00		
	" " John C. Hartnett	1,283 45		
	" " John D. Shaffer	11,213 49		
	" " Chas. F. Pourcelly	303 50		
	" " H. Clay Sexton	2,134 25		
	" " Erasmus Allison	355 00		
	" " John Holland	4,115 00		
	" " Henry Stussel	10,807 65		
	" " John D. Stevenson	200,829 09		
				$2,085,080 26
				$2,341,590 56

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RECEIPTS—CONTINUED.

Oct. 9.	To balance			$ 600,120 26
	Viz:—In National Bank State of Missouri	$ 450,885 18		
	In City Treasury Notes, new issue	136,667 00		
	" " " old issue	412 00		
	In Checks from Collectors	9,059 51		
	In Coupons Redeemed	160 00		
	In Bank Notes	3,035 00		
	In Fractional Currency	593 10		
		$ 600,811 79		
	Deduct amount due on Pay Roll	691 53		
				$ 600,120 26

EXPENDITURES.

1876. CR.

Oct. 9.

By amount paid to Arsenal Street Sewer	$	4,615 00
" " Arsenal Park		211 74
" " Assessm'ts and collection of revenue		7,154 58
" " Biddle Street Sewer		3,310 48
" " Benton Park		2,595 18
" " Board of Engineers		509 22
" " Board of Health		6,292 05
" " Carr Square		528 24
" " Construction of bridges, Union Dep.		20,061 65
" " City Council and Clerks		24,037 60
" " City Council Contingent Fund		522 50
" " City Dispensary		4,278 44
" " City Hospital		25,861 23
" " City Hospital repairs		4,489 47
" " Cleaning streets		40,571 27
" " Contingent Fund		12,855 19
" " Capturing and killing dogs		2,821 50
" " Election and Registration		6,390 06
" " Engineer Department		15,284 94
" " Exchange Square		198 85
" " Carondelet Park		68 97
" " Fire Alarm Telegraph		6,241 15
" " Fire Department		125,166 65
" " " " Engines, etc		19 615 50
" " Gamble Place		1,396 50
" " Gas Light		120,562 17
" " Gravois Park		450 75
" " Harbor Boat		930 32
" " Harbor Department, Salaries		8,124 91
" " " " Construction		8,502 79
" " " " Repairs		6,414 39
" " House of Industry Repairs		2,213 73

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EXPENDITURES—CONTINUED.

By Amount paid to House of Industry		15,576 88
" " House of Refuge		26,459 04
" " Hyde Park		3,703 84
" " Interest		357,273 93
" " Jackson Place		550 55
" " Laclede Park		377 80
" " Lafayette Park		19.181 56
" " Markets		4,359 06
" " Missouri Park		491 02
" " Office Expenses		5 371 33
" " Opening Pine Street, ret'd		300 21
" " Opening Streets, Expenses		2,178 14
" " " " Floating Debt		305 13
" " Police Department		160,000 00
" " Repairs to Streets, Macadam		63,475 08
" " " " Nicholson		19,161 81
" " " " Salaries		28,630 68
" " Rocky Branch Sewer		3,762 80
" " Public Sewers, Construction		4,559 50
" " " Miscellaneous		12,569 21
" " Printing and Stationery		13,302 61
" " Quarantine Hospital		937 93
" " Returned Taxes, 13th Ward		2,121 04
" " Redemption of Bonds		16,000 00
" " Removing Slops		6,459 96
" " Salaries		51,868 81
" " St. Louis Place		6,762 11
" " Scales		209 61
" " Scavenger Dumps, Construction		2,385 59
" " " Salaries		3,161 00
" " Smallpox Hospital		3,644 61
" " Special Tax Fund		2,328 38
" " Street Fund, 1st District		5,175 03
" " " 2nd District		19,521 61
" " " 3d District		3,068 66
" " Tower Grove Park		3,791 66
" " Washington Square		3,870 94
" " Water Bond Interest		175,080 00
" " Wharf, North—Floating Debt		522 76
" " Water-pipe Special Tax Returned		39 14
" " Water-pipe		22,961 00
" " Work-house		21,187 84
" " Abating Nuisances		808 63
" " Woodmaster's Commissions		299 06
" " Insurance		1,837 50
" " City Treasury Note Issue		125,000 00
" " Cleaning Levee		1,611 51
" " Judgments and Legal Expenses		14,669 24
" " Opening Alley in Block 1714		279 99
" " " St. Louis avenue		482 40

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EXPENDITURES—CONTINUED.

By Amount paid to Opening Alley in Block 2260.....	783 90		
" " " Alley in Block 998.....	597 84		
" " Cond'ned R't-of-Way Mill C'k Sewer.	2,299 24		
" " Opening Alley in Block 1706.....	480 17		
" " " Alley in Block 339.....	409 33		
" " " Alleys in Blocks 2253 and 56	1,195 41		
" " " St. Alphonsus street.....	2,500 00		
" " " Alley in Block 2347.....	72 57		
" " " Argyle avenue.....	5,089 01		
" " " Alley in Block 690.....	578 47		
" " " Alley in Block 1811.....	199 27		
" " " Pine street.....	3,336 32		
" " " Alleys in Blocks 1328, 29..	1,040 33		
" " " Alley in Block 1729.....	260 27		
" " " Emily street.....	2,423 15		
" " " Alley in Block 151.....	13 09		
" " " Alley in Block 1035.....	208 72		
		1,741,470	30
Balance.....		600,120	26
E. O. E.		$2,341,590	56

A. GEISEL, *Treasurer.*

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, October 10th, 1876.

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY ENGINEER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, *November 13th, 1876.*

To the Honorable City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the provisions of Charter and Ordinance, I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Engineer Department during the first half of the present fiscal year, from April 10th, 1876, to October 9th, 1876.

Amount certified to Auditor for work done, chargeable to the various funds and appropriations		$292,477 18
Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$442,161 08	
" " " " " 1874,	612,215 50	
" " " " " 1873,	639,618 03	
Amount assessed as Special Tax against property holders, for improvement of streets, alleys, and construction of district sewers		112,189 81
Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$228,123 59	
" " " " " 1874,	318,315 46	
" " " " " 1873,	314,882 03	
Total amount of bills certified to for work done under the direction of this department		$404,666 99
Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$670,284 67	
" " " " " 1874,	930,530 96	
" " " " " 1873,	954,500 06	

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The following is a statement of the amounts certified to in detail:

Certified to the City Auditor for work done in Grading Streets and Alleys.

CHARGED TO FIRST DISTRICT FUND.

First ward	$2,854 69
Second ward	384 40
Third ward	2,647 12
Fourth ward	250 08
Fifth ward	.....
Sixth ward	.....
Seventh ward	.....
Eighth ward	.....
Ninth ward	.....
Tenth ward	.....
Eleventh ward	54 40
Twelfth ward	.....
Total	$6,190 69

CHARGED TO SECOND DISTRICT FUND.

First ward	$3,752 66
Second ward	1,970 53
Third ward	62 89
Fourth ward	5,550 40
Fifth ward	960 15
Sixth ward	211 80
Seventh ward	241 35
Eighth ward	.....
Ninth ward	1,155 12
Tenth ward	.....
Eleventh ward	1,935 85
Twelfth ward	2,545 33
Total	$18,386 08

CHARGED TO THIRD DISTRICT FUND.

First ward	$1,600 00
Thirteenth ward	1,468 66
Total	$3,068 66
Total amount certified to for grading streets and alleys	**$27,645 43**

Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$ 98,094 16
" " " " " 1874,	149,552 89
" " " " " 1873,	126,990 37

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REPAIRS OF STREETS.

Macadamizing furnished (under contract) for the repairs of streets	$ 58,607 83
Macadamizing obtained from City Work-house (excluding hauling)	2,901 91
Hauling macadamizing from City Work-house	2,069 33
Labor in repairing macadamized streets, and pay for superintendents, overseers, etc	19,292 00
Miscellaneous repairs on streets, filling up "wash-outs" in earth embankments, renewal and repairs of bridges, etc	5,779 64
For lumber, nails and other materials, used in making drains, erecting fences; also for tools used in the repairs of streets, fuel for steam roller, cinders for top-dressing macadamized streets, etc	1,051 44
Repairs of wood pavements	18,639 69
Repairs of stone pavements	343 69
Repairs of cross-walks and cross-gutters	2,407 00
Expenses of purchasing and keeping horses, repairs of buggies, etc	540 60
Total	$ 111,633 13

Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$160,791 53
" " " " " 1874,	225,066 84*
" " " " " 1873,	185,511 53

WHARF AND HARBOR.

Grading, riprapping and macadamizing new portions of the wharf	$ 8,379 04
Constructing longitudinal dyke between Ashley and Mullanphy streets	874 19
Repairs of stone pavement on wharf	6,447 95
Furnishing ringstones, ring-bolts, etc	376 99
Miscellaneous expenses, surveys and superintendence of work	1,601 74
Total	$17,679 91

Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875,	$32,481 69
" " " " " 1874,	66,752 63
" " " " " 1873,	78,659 73†

PUBLIC SEWERS.

For work done chargeable to Special and Public Sewer Funds:		
Rocky Branch sewer		$3,762 80
Southern sewer on Nebraska avenue	$1,040 00	
Arsenal street sewer	4,275 00	
		5,315 00
Elliot avenue sewer	580 00	
Ferry street sewer	919 50	
Stein street sewer	2,380 00	
Branch to Camp Spring sewer on 21st street	680 00	
		4,559 50

* In this amount are included $8,025.27 for purchase of steam roller; $33,575.00 for granite pavement on Third street and Washington avenue.

† This amount includes $13,632, part payment for the harbor boat.

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PUBLIC SEWERS—CONTINUED.

Reconstructing and repairing Biddle street sewer.....		3,310 48
Constructing new inlets and laying pipe.....	807 59	
Iron for inlets and man-holes.....	516 73	
Inlet stones.....	247 10	
Repairing and reconstructing sewers and inlets.....	2,711 45	
Opening sewers and removing obstructions.....	55 84	
Paving over sewers.....	377 98	
Pay roll for cleaning sewers and inlets.....	2,214 26	
Pay roll for superintendence of work.....	5,360 70	
Horse keeping and repairs of buggy.....	293 70	12,585 35
Total.....		$29,533 13

Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875	$92,312 57	
" " " " 1874	87,598 43	
" " " " 1873	125,515 92	

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Repairs of City Hospital.....	$4,700 00
Repairs of Female Hospital.....	3,080 16
Total.....	$18,483 34

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bridges over railroad tracks at 12th and 14th streets:	
Construction.....	$18,372 50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	110 84
Total.....	$18,483 34
Construction and repairs of scavenger dumps.....	2,260 59
Lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing the public street lamps, including gas consumed since August 1st, 1876.....	62,205 35

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

Pay roll for services rendered in office and field work.....	$14,542 01
Miscellaneous expenses for new instruments and repairs, drawing implements, etc.....	194 60
Posting hand-bills for "city work".....	55 00
Purchase of spring wagon, keeping of horses, and repairs to wagons	464 53
Total.....	$15,256 14

Amount certified to during corresponding period 1875	$18,019 91	
" " " " 1874	19,670 73*	
" " " " 1873	17,344 06	
Total amount certified to Auditor.....		$292,477 18

*In this amount are included $1,721.75 for constructing a large city map and case, and $639.25 for new city map for City Council.

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SPECIAL TAXES.

The following amounts have been assessed as "Special Taxes" against the property holders for improvement of streets and alleys, and construction of district sewers, to-wit:

Curbing, Guttering, Macadamizing and Cross-walks:		
First District	$ 4,178 44	
Second District	32,584 21	
Third District	3,613 12	
		$40,375 77
Paving alleys		18,099 45
Constructing new cross-walks		2,963 49
Constructing new and repairing old side-walks		19,966 96
Repairing street gutters and alley paving		3,971 68
Repairing Nicholson pavement		131 82
Constructing district sewers		26,680 64
Total		$112,189 81

Amount assessed during corresponding period 1875..	$228,123 95	
" " " " " 1874..	318,315 46	
" " " " " 1873..	314,882 03	
Total amount of bills certified to for work done under the direction of this Department		$404,666 99

In addition to the above, the following amounts have been certified to by the City Engineer, for work done under his supervision, and under the authority of

ORDERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

For abating nuisances, by draining and filling ponds	$ 842 63	
Sundry repairs at City Hospital	159 47	
" " at Female Hospital	711 48	
		$1,713 58

ORDERS OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER.

Repairs of Public Market Houses	$ 346 90	
		$2,060 48

ORDERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Additions to water closets at House of Refuge	$1,785 49	
		$3,845 97

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In addition to the foregoing, I beg to submit the following remarks:

REPAIRS OF STREETS.

In a communication addressed to your honorable body, on June 20th, 1876, I expressed the opinion that the appropriations for street-repairs would be insufficient. I have now the unpleasant duty to repeat this opinion, and to ask for additional appropriations, without which, it will be impossible to maintain the streets in a tolerably good condition during the winter months. Repairing of streets being in fact nothing else than to restore to them what is worn off, no material reduction in its cost can be expected unless measures are taken to reduce the amount of wear. Nothing has yet been done in this direction, and although the extent of our streets, as well as the traffic thereon, has been rapidly increasing, the appropriations for street repairs have been steadily reduced during the last two years, so that the appropriation made for the current fiscal year is only about one-half of the amount expended for street-repairs during the fiscal year 1874–1875. The consequence of this is especially apparent in the condition of the streets paved with wood or stone on edge, which comprise the most important business streets of our city. Owing to the insufficiency of last year's appropriation, I found at the beginning of the current fiscal year, most of the wooden streets in a deplorable condition, and although the entire appropriation for the current fiscal year has already been spent in repairing the worst places, there are still many streets in such a condition that if left without repairs for several months, they will become dangerous, and may subject the city to suits for damages. I estimate the additional appropriation required for repairs of wood and stone pavement at about $26,000.00.

The macadamized streets are at present in a tolerably good condition, but an additional appropriation of $25,000.00 for macadam will be required to maintain them through the winter. The fund for salaries and miscellaneous repairs will be sufficient if the cross-walks are not more extensively repaired than during the last six months. The number of cross-walks in need of repairs is, however, very large, and as this will be felt the

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most during the winter months, I would recommend also an addition of about $5,000.00 to the fund for miscellaneous repairs.

I am well aware that the revenue of the city, limited as it is by the new Constitution, will hardly admit of as large an expenditure for street repairs, and hence we should endeavor to devise some means which would permanently reduce the cause of this expenditure, *i. e.* the amount of wear on the streets. The principal and most efficient measure to this end is the reconstruction of our macadamized streets with a durable pavement. Granite block pavement is, in my opinion, the cheapest in the end, but also, limestone blocks and even wood pavement would be cheaper than macadam in parts of the city where the streets are subjected to heavy traffic. For financial reasons this work of reconstruction can only be carried on very slowly, so that its effect upon the account for street repairs will hardly be felt for several years to come.

A very decided and immediate saving could, however, be effected by the passage of an ordinance regulating the license fees for vehicles in such a manner as will encourage the use of wider tires. This subject has become a standing topic of the Engineer's Reports, and has been repeatedly before the City Council, but has never gained a favorable reception. Nevertheless, I consider it my duty to bring it again to your attention, hoping that a careful study of the subject and a consideration of the necessity imposed by the limited revenue of the city to economize wherever it is possible, will insure better success to the measure than it had before.

A small saving might also result from simplifying the organization of the Street Department, by placing the work of street cleaning again under the control of the City Engineer, where it properly belongs, as the cleaning and repairing are best managed together.

On many macadamized streets ridges had been left near the gutters after laying the water and gas pipes. These ridges prevented the surface-water of the street from running off, and besides, had such a steep slope towards the gutters that no vehicle could be driven near the same. The consequence was that all the traffic was concentrated in the center of the road-

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way, which was soon worn out, and formed a pool of mud after every rain. To remedy this, gangs of laborers were employed under competent foremen, to give the street its proper shape by dressing down the ridges, and using the material thus gained to fill up the depression in the center of the roadway. Quite a number of streets have been repaired in this manner without using a single wagon-load of new macadam.

As an experiment, the west side of Fifth street, between Chouteau avenue and Gratiot street, was given a top dressing of mill-cinders, furnished by the Helmbacher Forge and Iron Mills, spread on the macadam about three inches thick, and rolled firm and smooth with the steam roller. The mill-cinders were of the same size and furnished at the same price as the ordinary limestone macadam. I am sorry to say, that the result does not promise to come up to my expectations, at least not in the northern portion of the experimental block, where the layer of cinders was somewhat thinner than on the southern portion of the block. It is, however, too soon to judge conclusively from this experiment, as to the merits of mill-cinders compared with macadam or gravel. For Fifth street, neither of these materials will give good results, and the sooner it is paved with stone or wood the better it will be for the finances of the city. The steam roller was also used on Grand avenue, to make this main approach to the Fair Grounds, which had but recently received a new coat of macadam, a little smoother for the immense travel during the "Fair" week. The gravel used for top-dressing on a part of Grand avenue was furnished by the Yeatman Gravel and Stone Company, free of charge.

A detailed statement of the operations of the Street Repair Department, giving the expenditures for wood and stone pavements and for macadam, for each particular street, has been prepared by the Chief Superintendent of Streets. I considered this statement too voluminous to be enclosed with this report, but invite the honorable gentlemen of the City Council to inspect the same at my office.

RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS.

The ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to enter into

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contract with S. R. Dickson (the contractor for the reconstruction of Pine street with asphaltum pavement), for keeping the street in good repair for a period of ten years, had been passed by your honorable body, but failed to become a law in consequence of some informality in enrolling the same. This ordinance had been passed for the particular purpose of holding the contractor responsible for the durability of his work; and without it, the contract for the reconstruction of Pine street would probably not have been approved by a majority of the members of the City Council. In appreciation of this circumstance, I notified Mr. Dickson not to commence the work until the ordinance authorizing the contract for the maintenance of the pavement should have been passed in a legal manner, and the contract executed.

The ordinance directing the reconstruction of Third street, between Christy avenue and Morgan street, with granite block pavement, provides that the curbs of Third street shall be reset in conformity with the building lines established by Ordinance 97 and Ordinance 9937. These building lines make the street 100 feet wide, and the width of the sidewalks of such a street is fixed by a general ordinance at 20 feet. When the stakes for the new curb lines were given by the Assistant Engineer, the property holders of the street and the Aldermen of the Eighth Ward remonstrated against the same, as injurious to their interests and those of the city, and demanded a wider roadway with narrower sidewalks. At a meeting of the interested property owners, his Honor the Mayor, the Aldermen of the Eighth ward and the Principal Assistant Engineer, it was unanimously agreed to adopt new curb lines, making the roadway from 70 to 76 feet wide, instead of 60 feet, as originally laid out. The ordinance establishing these curb lines (which will be introduced by one of the honorable gentlemen from the Eighth Ward), is hereby recommended to your favorable and speedy consideration, as this important thoroughfare cannot be completed before this question is fully settled.

The reconstruction of Biddle street, from Twelfth to High street, with Telford pavement has been commenced and the work is progressing satisfactorily.

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WHARF AND HARBOR.

During the last six months, the following work has been in progress:

The grading and construction of a dyke at the foot of Olive street, Carondelet, under contract No. 2263, F. W. Redecker, contractor; rip-rapping and macadamizing a portion of the wharf, between Lesperance and Carroll streets, under contract No. 2938, A. Q. Englemann, contractor; grading a portion of the wharf between Mullanphy and Florida streets, under contract No. 3411, Julius Gerock, contractor; grading, rip-rapping and macadamizing a portion of the wharf between Montgomery and Dock streets, contract No. 3257, Bates & Stolle, contractors.

The last mentioned work will, in a few days, be completed up to Harrison street; all work north of that street has been suspended on account of a recent discovery, that a large portion of the levee between Harrison and Dock streets has never been dedicated to, nor condemned by the city.

All of the Scavenger Dumps have been repaired and partly rebuilt, and the most necessary repairs on pavement and ringstones have been made.

SEWERS.

The length of sewers constructed during the first six months of the present fiscal year is as follows:

Public Sewers	1,839 feet
District Sewers	10,233 feet
Total	12,072 feet

Or, 2.3 miles, which, added to 172 miles previously constructed, makes the total length of sewers now completed 174.3 miles.

During the extraordinary rains of September much damage was caused in some localities by back-water from sewers, which entered the cellars through private connections. In many cases the private connections are constructed so low, that they admit back-water even if the main sewer is but partially filled; but in other places the sewers are too small to drain off the water fast enough, and the back-water is the

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natural result of the strong pressure in the sewer. Unfortunately, the only way to prevent this pressure, namely, the enlargement of the existing sewers or the construction of relief sewers, is very expensive, and most probably too expensive for the present financial condition of the city. I would, however, recommend, if possible, the appropriation of $10,000 for the construction of a sewer of four feet mean diameter on Biddle street, from Fourteenth street westwardly to Twentieth street, and intercepting at that point the present sewer. This sewer would relieve the one on Wash street, between Fourteenth and Twentieth streets, which is inadequate to swallow all the water of the district it drains. Very desirable would also be the continuation of the public sewer on Chambers street, from its present terminus at Eleventh street, to Fifteenth street, so as to carry off a part of the water now draining through Fifteenth street sewer into Benton street sewer. The cost of this improvement would be about $12,000. Until these relief sewers can be built, the parties exposed to damage from back-water may protect themselves by providing their private connections witn self-closing valves, which will only allow the water to flow out, closing instantly whenever there is any back pressure from the sewer.

In my last report I recommended a proper regulation of the size and construction of private sewer connections. An ordinance to this effect had been introduced by Alderman Morris, and had received the recommendation of the honorable Committee on Sewers, but failed to pass for want of time, It is to be hoped that this ordinance, or a similar one, be again introduced and become a law.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The work on public buildings consists of so many details, and is so scattered over different localities, that it is quite impossible for an officer with all the duties of the City Engineer to give it the attention that should properly be bestowed upon this work. Furthermore, a civil engineer, who has been employed in surveying, building of streets and railroads, or in the construction of bridges, cannot be expected to possess also an amount of practical experience which would enable him to be

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an expert in plastering, whitening, roofing, plumbing or painting. I am, therefore, of the opinion that all work on public buildings should be placed in the hands of a city architect, independent of the City Engineer. The cost of this arrangement would hardly make a difference, as the city at present employs an architect as an assistant to the City Engineer. But a city architect would undoubtedly take a greater interest in his office, and would perform his duties more efficiently, if he had full authority and the responsibility on his own shoulders, than if he is bound to obtain his instructions from a City Engineer, who receives all the credit or all the blame for the work. The City Engineer would thus be relieved of a responsibility for work which he is unable to look after, and would gain much valuable time for his other duties.

PUBLIC LAMPS.

The following table shows the number of public lamps erected and suspended since April 11th, 1876, and the number of lamps lighted by the city at the present date.

	No. of Lamps erected since Apr. 11, '76.	No. of Lamps susp'd since Apr. 11, '76.	No of Lamps lighted Nov. 1st., '76.
In the district north of Washington avenue (the Laclede Gas Light Co.)	1	76	2,866
In the district bet. Washington ave. and Keokuk st. (the St. Louis Gas Light Co.)	3	24	3,397
In the district south of Keokuk street (the Carondelet Gas Light Co.)	99	.....	432
Total	103	100	6,695

Under Ordinance No. 10,096, approved July 13th 1876, the manifold duties of the City Engineer were augmented by those previously performed by the Gas Inspector. Even if I were chemist enough to determine the degree of purity and lighting power of gas, I could not spare the time to do it; and therefore, with the approval of his Honor the Mayor, I secured the services of Mr. Regis Chauvenet (the former Gas Inspector, and a thorough chemist) as expert for making these examinations.

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ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Although I have materially reduced the expenditures for salaries since I took charge of the office, I find that the appropriation made for the Engineer's Department will not be quite sufficient to carry on the business of the office to the end of the fiscal year, in a satisfactory manner, and I have to ask for an additional appropriation of about $1,000.

As an appendix hereto, I submit the Report of Mr. Theodore Gast, the Superintendent of Excavations, appointed in conformity with Ordinance No. 9651.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PFEIFER,
City Engineer.

APPENDIX.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS, ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCAVATIONS,
ST. LOUIS, November 11, 1876.

CHARLES PFEIFER, ESQ., City Engineer.

Dear Sir—I respectfully submit herewith my semi-annual Report for the half year ending October 31st, 1876. During this time 61 excavation bonds have been filed, 2,142 permits issued, and 979 notices served to repair streets after filling the excavations.

I take pleasure in stating that in most cases I have experienced no trouble in carrying out the intentions and requirements of the ordinance under which this department was created. The gas light companies particularly are desirous of complying with my instructions, and do their work of repairing in a very satisfactory manner. Of the water-works department, as much cannot be said. Their work is often carelessly done, causing much unnecessary trouble and annoyance in compelling them to make their repairs properly.

Truly yours,

THEODORE GAST,
Supt. of Excavations.

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CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE CITY COLLECTOR,
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8th, 1876.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of St. Louis:

In compliance with Ordinance, I herewith respectfully submit a statement of the collections and disbursements of this office for the past six months, commencing April 11th, 1876, and ending October 9th, 1876.

COLLECTIONS BY J. B. S. LEMOINE.

April 11th, 1876, to April 19th, 1876, inclusive..... $20,226 92

FROM FOLLOWING SOURCES.

Auctioneers	$ 150 00	
Bank	100 00	
Commission merchants	925 00	
Dramshops	2,300 00	
Dogs	42 00	
Exhibitions	65 00	
Insurance	1,800 00	
Junk shops	50 00	
Lithographer	10 00	
Merchants	11.317 65	
Meatshops	550 00	
Markets	41 00	
Opening streets	409 72	
Ordinaries	30 00	
Peddlers and hawkers	332 50	
Pawnbrokers	150 00	
Photographers	75 00	
Real estate agents	200 00	
Theatre	100 00	
Vehicles	400 60	
Wharfage	979 45	
Weighers' tickets	199 00	
	$20,226 92	$20,226 92

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TOTAL COLLECTIONS BY JOHN D. STEVENSON.

April 20th, 1876, to May 6th	$33,639 27
May 8th, 1876, to June 10th	40,463 13
June 12th, 1876, to July 8th	25,522 60
July 10th, 1876, to August 12th	29,913 38
August 14th, 1876, to September 11th	17,780 86
September 13th, 1876, to October 9th	34,882 46

FROM FOLLOWING SOURCES.

Auctioneers	$ 1,150 00	
Banks	4,600 00	
Bill poster	10 00	
Billiards and ten-pins	430 00	
Commission merchants	2,800 00	
Dramshops	35,675 00	
Dogs	1,827 00	
Exhibitions	430 00	
Engravers	70 00	
Hotel runners	225 00	
Insurance	7,900 00	
Intelligence offices	150 00	
Junk shops	600 00	
Lithographers	30 00	
Lumber measurer	20 00	
Merchants	22,265 95	
Meat shops	9,730 00	
Markets	26,721 80	
Merchandise brokers	650 00	
Non-resident traders	20 00	
Opening streets	13,590 98	
Ordinaries	990 00	
Peddlers and hawkers	4,910 00	
Pawnbrokers	3,050 00	
Photographers	325 00	
Real estate agents	4,200 00	
Rents	1,647 85	
Street railroad	300 00	
Theatres	300 00	
Vehicles	14,718 80	
Wharfage	18,697 37	
Weighers	425 00	
Weighers' tickets	3,741 95	
	$182,201 70	$182,201 70

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DISBURSEMENTS BY JOHN D. STEVENSON.

Cash paid to City Treasurer	$182,201 70
Commissions on collections	4,555 08
Expenses to employees in office	3,258 85

TOTAL COLLECTIONS FOR SIX MONTHS.

By J. B. S. Lemoine	$ 20,226 92
By John D. Stevenson	182,201 70
	$ 202,428 62

Very Respectfully,

JOHN D. STEVENSON,

City Collector.

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CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

ST. LOUIS, September 30th, 1876.

To the Honorable City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Ordinance, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the business of the City Marshal's Department during the half year ending September 30th, 1876:

POLICE COURT—FINES AND FEES

3,643		Fee bills and executions received for collection.	$64,514 00		
	1,772	Fee bills and executions returned satisfied....		$ 9,147	75
	1,589	Executions sent to Work-house.....		43,397	00
	282	Executions otherwise returned.....		11,969	25
3,643	3,643		$64,514 00	$64,514	00

ITEMS OF EXECUTIONS OTHERWISE RETURNED.

158	Cases "stayed" by the Mayor		$ 3,935 25
*30	" "returned" " " nulla bona		1,169 00
66	" appealed.....		5,196 00
†12	" carried over.....		1,146 00
8	" committed to House of Refuge.....		394 00
5	" " to County Jail.....		25 00
2	" delivered to County Marshal.....		76 00
1	" sent to City Hospital.....		28 00
282			$11,969 25

Alley in Block No. 1,706.

OPENING STREETS.

4	Executions received from Land Commissioners.....		$284 74
	Printing cost No. 5, returned satisfied		31 10
2	Executions satisfied, Nos. 4 and 5	$191 53	
	Printing cost collected.....	31 10	
2	Executions sold to city	93 21	
4	4	$315 84	$315 84

*The amount "returned" above as *nulla bona* was in cases where judgments were rendered by default, and the parties had left the city, and having no personal property to levy on.

†Those marked "carried over" were not settled at the expiration of each month, but are all accounted for subsequently in the above account.

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DOGS.

April—Killed during			April	190
May	"	"	May	586
June	"	"	June	463
July	"	"	July	800
Aug.	"	"	August	1,036
Sept.	"	"	September	687
6 months.			Total killed	3,762

The above will show the number of dogs caught and killed during the last half year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. SLEVIN,

City Marshal.

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REPORT

OF

Superintendent Work-house.

CITY WORK-HOUSE,
ST. LOUIS, October 14th, 1876.

To his Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN — In conformity with the provisions of the Charter and revised Ordinances of the City of St. Louis, I have the honor to herewith submit for your information the following semi-annual Report, showing the receipts of this Department from April 16th until October 14th, 1876, and the expenditures from April 1st until October 1st, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

Fines and Fees	$ 813 25	
Macadamizing and Rock sold	3,736 46	
Boarding County Convicts	4,640 00	
Excavating and Filling	1,999 35	
		$11,189 06

EXPENDITURES.

Pay-Roll and Boarding Employees	$9,369 22	
Bread and Meat	5,667 85	
Groceries, Provisions, Corn Meal and Feed	2,847 52	
Dry Goods and Shoes	1,276 67	
Ice	1,028 96	
Fuel, Coal and Wood	328 08	
Blasting Powder and Fuse	131 60	
Repairs Wagons, Carts, Harness, etc	275 25	
Hard, Tin and China Ware	288 95	
Drugs, Medicines, Paints and Oil	153 05	
Straw for filling bedticks	61 15	
Sundries	74 25	
		$21,502 55

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NUMBER OF PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE CITY WORK-HOUSE DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS, FROM APRIL 1st UNTIL OCTOBER 1st, 1876.

From Criminal and Criminal Correction Courts		202
From the Police Courts		1,562
Males	929	
Females	835	
Total		1,764

NATIONALITIES.

United States, white	586
United States, colored	370
Ireland	534
England	61
Scotland	23
Canada	38
Germany	134
France	7
Other countries	11
Total	1,764

NUMBER OF PRISONERS DISCHARGED DURING THE SAME TIME.

From Criminal and Criminal Correction Courts		159
From the Police Courts		1,656
Males	939	
Females	876	
		1,815

NUMBER OF PRISONERS REMAINING IN THE INSTITUTION OCTOBER 1st, 1876.

From Criminal and Criminal Correction Courts		98
From the Police Courts		104
Males	138	
Females	64	
Total		202

In addition to the receipts as already shown, there is due from the county for boarding county convicts, the sum of $3,444.80.

The grading of Carondelet road, between Meramec and Gasconade streets, is completed, and will be macadamized as soon as the water-pipes are lowered. The grading of Jefferson avenue, between Meramec and Gasconade streets, is also completed, according to contract.

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For all the grading of streets done by convict labor, since my last annual Report, I have received credit, by certified vouchers from the City Engineer, without the $1,600 already reported in my cash receipts, amounting to $5,172. I have also fully 1,000 squares of macadamizing on hand, which are worth $2.25 per square, making a sum of $2,250.

Adding the amount due me by the county for boarding their convicts, and the amount credited to me for grading streets, and the amount for macadam on hand, to my cash receipts, as already stated, you will find that the institution has been more than self-sustaining during the last six months, by $553.31.

In addition to this, I have improved the City Work-house property, in filling up two large sink-holes on the east side of Carondelet Road. In these two sink-holes I have dumped 27,088 cubic yards of clay, and the honorable Board of Managers hold that it is worth 10 cents per cubic yard, a little less than the city would have had to pay to a private contractor. This will be another item in my favor of $2,708.80. You will therefore easily see that the City Work-house has been, in reality and in fact, more than self-sustaining during the last six months, by $3,162.11.

It is a well-known fact, however, that all of these items are not all cash money paid into the city treasury, but, nevertheless, the work has been done, and I think the city Work-house should receive, at least, an acknowledged credit for the same. In my last annual report I have respectfully called your attention to the high fence surrounding the buildings, which is in a very dilapidated condition, also to the fact that it would be desirable to have the entire institution lighted with gas; and I can only here re-recommend to have the high fence surrounding the buildings replaced by a new one, as the old fence will not last much longer.

I also must re-recommend to your honorable body the lighting of the institution with gas. If we take into consideration the many accidents, and often serious conflagrations caused by the use of coal oil, the trifling expense of furnishing this institution with gas would stand no comparrison if any accident of this kind should happen here. I would also most respectfully recommend that your honorable body appropriate sufficient

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money to build a suitable office for this institution; the place I am occupying for an office is entirely too small; it is nothing more or less than a vacated prison cell, being surrounded on three sides by prison cells, so that neither light nor air can get to it. This is indeed one of the most important improvements needed, and should be built, if possible, at once.

The health of the prisoners has been good throughout the entire last six months. The institution proper is in good condition and in good working order.

With many thanks to his honor the Mayor and the honorable Board of Managers for their attention to the wants of this institution, I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

HENRY STUSSEL,

Superintendent of City Work-house.

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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

HOUSE OF REFUGE,
ST. LOUIS, October, 1876.

To the Hon. City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully transmit, on behalf of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, the official report of its operations for the half year ending October 12th, 1876. The institution has maintained its character for usefulness; good order and industry, both in workshop and in school, have prevailed. The report of the Superintendent, herewith submitted, will furnish statistical information as to the operations of the institution during the half year. The total *expenditures* during said period was $26,786.64, of which amount $5,801.27 were expended for *permanent improvements*. The amount of *receipts* for work done in shops, bread sold, etc., was $12,963.66. The daily average number of inmates was $226\frac{8}{10}$; the number received was 113; the number discharged was 109.

JOHN G. PRIEST,
Vice-President.

JAMES E. COWAN,
Acting Secretary.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Board of Managers of the St. Louis House of Refuge:

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully submit the following statements relating to the operations of the institution during the half year ending October 12th, 1876:

NUMBER IN INSTITUTION APRIL 12, 1876.		
White boys	163	
Colored boys	4	
		167
White girls	38	
Colored girls	18	
		56
Total		223
NUMBER RECEIVED DURING HALF YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 12, 1876.		
White boys	77	
Colored boys	11	
		88
White girls	15	
Colored girls	10	
		25
Total		113
NUMBER DISCHARGED DURING HALF YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 12, 1876.		
White boys	77	
Colored boys	7	
		84
White girls	18	
Colored girls	7	
		25
Total		109
NUMBER IN INSTITUTION OCTOBER 12, 1876.		
White boys	163	
Colored boys	8	
		171
White girls	35	
Colored girls	21	
		56
Total		227

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DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER IN THE INSTITUTION.

Boys	172.7
Girls	54.1
Total	226.8

RECEIPTS.

Received for Bread sold to city institutions	$7,982 89
" Work done in shoe shop	2 951 55
" " " chair shop	1,680 65
" Old barrels	314 07
" Soap boxes	19 50
" Board of inmates	15 00
Total	$12,963 66

EXPENDITURES.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Meat (fresh)	$1,396 32	
Sugar	745 39	
Coffee	233 99	
Tea	208 82	
Butter	510 50	
Milk	439 20	
Rice	14 00	
Pork	88 20	
Ham	84 09	
Ice	798 35	
Molasses	136 36	
Vegetables	48 45	
Yeast	122 00	
Potatoes	130 34	
Baking powder	27 70	
Spices	29 16	
Fruits	84 18	
Fish	20 75	
Lard	96 55	
Beans	34 53	
Peas	11 85	
Meal	7 47	
Salt	21 50	
Vinegar	20 10	
Eggs	17 83	
		$5,327 63
Flour		4,580 00
Salaries		6,599 07
Rewards to inmates		122 10

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CLOTHING.

Jeans	$242 78	
Muslin	73 77	
Hats and caps	216 08	
Making uniforms	126 00	
Checks	166 16	
Ginghams	28 80	
Shoes	598 74	
Stockings	43 57	
Prints	51 86	
Denims	42 33	
Ribbon	24 85	
Thread and cotton	22 58	
Buttons	18 11	
Sundry cloths	33 68	
		1,689 31

FURNITURE, WOODEN WARE, ETC.

Organ	$125 00	
Oil cloths	64 28	
Carpets	61 78	
Matting	25 40	
Brooms	31 90	
Lamps and fixtures	22 71	
Tin ware	21 25	
Brushes	49 90	
Toweling	45 62	
Baskets	6 25	
Mattresses	15 00	
Ticking	39 61	
Sheeting	134 64	
Comforts	7 30	
Table cloths	25 00	
Mosquito bars	21 56	
Spoons	4 00	
Buckets	10 50	
Crockery ware	18 90	
Straw	89 05	
Tubs	6 00	
Range and repairs	258 74	
Stoves and pipe	29 03	
Bedsteads	44 50	
Window curtains	11 50	
Repairs of sewing machines	13 50	
Safe	8 00	
Bell	3 50	
Sundry articles of furniture	12 50	
		$ 1,206 92
Coal		230 98
Wood		20 00
Coal oil		103 52

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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Water closets	$1,785 49	
Cesspool	599 27	
Lumber	629 92	
Lime and cement	223 00	
Drain-pipe	39 55	
Whitening rooms	93 25	
Brick	518 25	
Painting	340 75	
Plastering	136 89	
Plumbing	251 00	
Labor on repairs at Female Department	1,030 90	
Hydrant	42 00	
Building hardware	111 00	
		5,801 27
Oats		151 27
Hay		67 88
Corn		50 80
Bran		9 52
Doctoring horses		4 00
Wagon repairing		22 35
Wheelbarrow		5 00
Horseshoeing		25 00
Soap		268 75
Lye		9 00
Starch		3 15
School books		60 39
Singing books		37 80
Seeds		21 80
Medicines		43 70
Car tickets		18 00
Combs		14 45
Fireworks for 4th of July		66 73
Sundry tools		17 00
Arrest of escaped inmates		10 00
Pins and needles		3 70
Carriage hire		6 00
Baking pans		28 00
Bread peels		14 25
Hose and couplings		47 30
Cinders for garden walks		50 00
Insurance		50 00
Total		$26 786 64

The institution has been favored with continued prosperity through the half year just closed. There has been but little sickness; the labor departments and the schools have been successfully carried on; good discipline has been maintained.

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Considerable expense has been incurred in permanent improvements, as will be seen by the expense table, a large portion of which was for repairs at the Female Department, which department is now in good condition.

Our usual Sunday afternoon exercises have been held regularly, at which the inmates have been addressed by various persons having an interest in their welfare.

For myself, and on behalf of Mrs. Schaffer, the Matron, I would tender thanks to the Board of Managers for assistance rendered and interest manifested in the affairs of the institution.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN D. SHAFFER,

Superintendent.

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HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS,
HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT,
ST. LOUIS, November 13, 1876.

To the Honorable City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with provisions of Charter and Ordinances, I herewith submit my semi-annual Report for the fiscal year ending October 9th, 1876. The following embrace wharfage bills as they have occurred from time to time under the following classifications, which have been transmitted to the City Collector for collection:

Miscellaneous and leased landings	$16,300 91
Steamboat	5,380 50
Lumber	3,596 32
Wood	2,299 40
	$27,577 13

Respectfully,

TIMOTHY HICKEY,

Harbor Master.

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LAND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

LAND COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, November 11th, 1876.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with law, I have the honor to herewith transmit my semi-annual Report for the first half of the current fiscal year ending October 9th, 1876, embracing the official proceedings connected with this department, in the condemnation of private property for public use for the opening, widening, or altering of streets, alleys, etc., with the status of each case, and amount of assessment against the city, if any, in each case. The expenses incurred by this department during the past six months amount to $2,165,76, of which sum $778.41 have been collected and paid into the City Treasury as *pro rata* costs from parties assessed benefits. To this last amount should be added the costs in several cases now in hands of City Collector for collection, and also in several cases where proceedings are now pending, thus greatly reducing the actual total expenses to the city.

Very respectfully,

FRANK K. RYAN,
Land Commissioner.

STATEMENTS

Of cases where proceedings have been finished, and now in progress, during the past six months, with the amount of assessment against the city, if any, in each case, viz:

Alley in City Block No. 2260—from High street to Jefferson avenue. Ordinance No. 8196. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

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Lemp Avenue—from Carondelet avenue to Crittenden street. Ordinance No. 8276. Exceptions filed in Circuit Court to report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled, and report of appraisers approved.

California Avenue—from Chouteau avenue to Carondelet road. Ordinance No. 8845. Appeal taken to Circuit Court from the decision of Land Commissioner; hearing of appeal pending. Assessment against the city, $275.

Argyle Avenue—from north line of Chas. Larned's Addition to Larned street, and from Manchester road to Clark avenue. Ordinances Nos. 9269 and 9291. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $300.

Alley in City Block No. 998—from Clay avenue to Glasgow avenue. Ordinance No. 9122. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Delmar Avenue—from Grand avenue to western city limits. Ordinance No. 9265. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $5.

Alley in City Block No. 2347—from east to west. Ordinance No. 8356. Special tax bils in hands of City Collector for collection.

St. Louis Avenue—from Grand avenue to western city limits. Ordinance No. 9265. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $100.

Emily Street—from Laclede avenue to Manchester road. Ordinance No. 9151. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $1.

Mill Creek Sewer—from Joab street to Rankin avenue. Ordinances Nos. 9167 and 9482. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $1.

Autumn Street—from Stoddard avenue to Morton street. Ordinances Nos. 9464 and 9572. Appeal taken to Circuit Court from the decision of Land Commissioner. Hearing of appeal pending. Assessment against the city, $1,500.

Thirteenth Street—from Clark avenue to Poplar street. Ordinances Nos. 9571 and 8342. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions sustained. Proceedings dismissed.

Benton Street—from Jefferson avenue to Garrison avenue. Ordinance No. 7892. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions sustained. New appraisement ordered.

Alley in City Block No. 1729—from Adams street to Bernard street. Ordinance No. 8850. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Alleys in City Blocks Nos. 1329 *and* 1328—running east and west and north and south. Ordinance No. 9863. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report confirmed. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Angelica Street—from Bellefontaine road to Kossuth avenue. Ordinance No. 7498. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report confirmed. Appeal taken to Circuit Court and trial pending. Assessment against the city, $1,314.22.

Alley in City Block No. 690—from Cass avenue to Bates street. Ordinance No. 9270. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

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Nebraska Street (South St. Louis)—from Water street to Fifth street. Ordinance No. 9214. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $300.

Alley in City Block No. 1035—from Compton avenue to fifteen-foot alley, as laid out in block No. 70 of Stoddard addition. Ordinance No. 9776. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Sophia Street—from Crittenden street to Arsenal street. Ordinance No. 7717. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $375.

Ohio Avenue—from south line of Muegge's addition to Arsenal street. Ordinance No. 8166. Appeal taken from Land Commissioner's decision to Circuit Court. Circuit Court affirmed judgment and order of Land Commissioner. Assessment against the city, $66.

Walnut Street—from Tenth street to Washington square. Ordinance No. 7720. Report of appraisers filed and proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $5,552.25.

Pine Street—from Jefferson avenue te Leffingwell avenue. Ordinance 8048. Report of appraisers approved by Land Commissioner. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $1,550.37.

Iowa Avenue—from Park avenue to Chouteau avenue. Ordinance No. 6778. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions sustained. New appraisement ordered.

Sarsfield Avenue—from Jefferson avenue to Main street. Ordinance No. 9263. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Appeal taken to Circuit Court. Assessment against the city, $1,360.29.

St. Alphonsus Street—from Finney avenue to Bell street. Ordinance No. 9814. Exceptions filed to the report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection. Assessment against the city, $328.

Alley in City Block No. 130—from its present terminus to Pine street. Ordinances Nos. 3923 and 6168. Appraisers reported they could not find benefits to cover the damages. The Land Commissioner dismissed proceedings.

Alley in City Block No. 210 *North*—from the west line of an alley in city block No. 210 north, 115 feet west of Fifteenth street to the east line of an alley 15 feet wide, 100 feet west of the alley first named. Ordinance No. 9882. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Utah Street—from Missouri avenue to 2d Carondelet avenue. Ordinance No. 9619. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $213 17.

Park Place—from Lafayette avenue to Geyer avenue. Ordinance No. 6748. Report of appraisers filed. Exceptions filed to report of appraisers. Exceptions sustained. New appraisement ordered.

Alley in City Block No. 151—from Labadie street, south. Ordinance No. 9832. Report of appraisers filed. Exceptions filed to said report. Exceptions over-

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ruled and report approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Alley in City Block No. 645—from Howard street to south line of Barret et al. addition, and from Twelfth street to the 20-foot alley, as laid out in Barret et al. addition. Ordinance Nos. 9149 and 9575. Report of appraisers filed and approved. Proceedings pending.

Alley in City Block No. 1811—from Pratt avenue to east line of Lamonte's addition. Ordinance 8722. Report of appraisers filed and approved. Special tax bills in hands of City Collector for collection.

Alley in City Block No. 2341—from Twentieth street to West Sixteenth street. Ordinance No. 9711. Appraisers appointed, and they reporting they could not find benefit to cover the damages, the Land Commissioner dismissed proceedings.

Ohio Avenue—from Lafayette avenue to north line of Allen's western addition. Ordinances Nos. 8306 and 9970. Report of appraisers filed, and exceptions filed. Hearing of exceptions pending. Assessment against the city, $66.

Alley in City Block No. 654—from Howard street to West Mound street. Ordinance No. 9831. Report of appraisers filed and exceptions filed. Exceptions overruled and report approved. Appeal taken to Circuit Court.

Alley in City Block No. 477 *South*—from Hickory street to Lasalle street. Ordinance No. 9757. Report of appraisers filed and approved. Proceedings pending.

Alley in City Block No. 2325—from west line of Mary Harney's subdivision to West Twentieth street. Ordinance No. 9996. Report of appraisers filed; exceptions filed. Exceptions sustained. New appraisement ordered.

Alley in City Block No. 3040 (South St. Louis)—from St. Louis street to Randolph street. Ordinance No. 9621. Proceedings dismissed, as the ordinance authorizing the opening is null and void, by the reason of the majority of the property holders fronting thereon not having signed the petition to the City Council as required by law.

Alley in City Block No 1033—from west line of Stoddard addition to Compton avenue. Ordinance No. 9506. Report of appraisers filed and approved. Proceedings pending.

Twelfth Street—from Bremen avenue to Penrose street. Ordinances Nos. 8008 and 8167. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $80 40.

Alley in City Block No. 1883—from Francis street to Grand avenue. Ordinance No. 9120. Report of appraisers filed and approved. Proceedings pending.

Delaware Street—from Oregon avenue to Minnesota avenue. Ordinance No. 8575. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $48 03.

Iowa Avenue—from north line of Durand tract to Gravois road. Ordinance No. 8335. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $26 00.

Maiden Lane—from Twentieth street to Jefferson avenue. Ordinance No. 9449. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $50 00.

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Oregon Avenue—from south line of Eva Muegge's addition to Arsenal street, and from north line of Durand tract to Rappahannock street. Ordinances Nos. 8166 and 8875. Appraisers having reported they could not find benefits to cover the damages, the Land Commissioner dismissed proceedings.

Jefferson Avenue—from Market street to Hebert street. Ordinances Nos. 9150, 9899 and 10076. Appraisers appointed. Proceedings pending.

Gratiot Street—from Tenth and Barlow streets to Twelfth street. Ordinance No. 10099. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $10 48.

Division Street—from Twenty-fourth street to Jefferson avenue. Ordinance No. 9267. Report of appraisers filed. Proceedings pending. Assessment against the city, $10 00.

Alley in City Block No. 614—from Howard street to Mullanphy street. Ordinance No. 9756. Proceedings pending.

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BOARD OF ENGINEERS' REPORT.

ST. LOUIS, October 10, 1876.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of St. Louis:

I have the honor to submit herewith my semi-annual report, in accordance with section 20, chapter 31, Revised Ordinances of the city of St. Louis, to wit:

From April 21, 1876, to October 9, 1876, I have inspected five hundred and thirty (530) boilers; condemned as unsafe, fourteen (14) boilers; and one (1) boiler explosion has taken place in Collier's White Lead and Oil Factory, on Tenth street and Clark avenue—cause, low water.

Number of persons applied for examination, one hundred and fifty-seven. Number of persons qualified, sixty-four.

In the last fiscal year the following collections were made, to wit:

By Irwin H. Bettis, former Boiler Inspector, from April 12, 1875, to June 17, 1875, two hundred and fifty-five dollars ($255). By John Frain, late Boiler Inspector, from June 18, 1876, to October 11, 1876, twelve hundred and seventy dollars ($1,270). Total for six months, fifteen hundred and twenty-five dollars ($1,525). Amount collected by myself, as Boiler Inspector, from April 21, 1876, to October 9, 1876, being five months and eighteen days—total, four thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars ($4,100.15).

JOHN HOLLAND,
Boiler Inspector,
And Secretary of the Board of Engineers.

A. STEPHENSON,
THEODOR BLUME,
Members Board.

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FIRE AND POLICE TELEGRAPH REPORT.

FIRE AND POLICE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT,
ST. LOUIS, MO., November 13th, 1876.

Hon. Richard Hanenkamp, City Comptroller:

DEAR SIR:—Please find enclosed the semi-annual Report of the Fire and Police Telegraph Department, which you will transmit to the honorable City Council, and oblige,

Respectfully,

ERNEST HILGENDORF,

Superintendent.

ST. LOUIS, MO., November 13th, 1876.

Honorable City Council, City of Saint Louis:

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me, in compliance with ordinance relating to the Fire and Police Telegraph, to present to your honorable body the semi-annual Report of this department, ending September 30th, A. D. 1876.

The expense of operating and maintaining the same for the half year, beginning April 1st, 1876, and ending September

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30th, 1876, amounted to six thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-three cents ($6,271.63), as follows:

Salaries of Superintendent and employees	$4,533 86
Battery material, etc	305 05
Repairs of three (3) electro-magnetic bell-striking machines	260 00
Drugs, chemicals, etc	212 60
Miscellaneous and contingent	178 15
Patent compound insulated wire	150 00
Gas light	126 54
Brackets and line material	94 25
Horse in exchange	85 00
Extra labor, repairing and changing line	75 00
Repairs on wagons	64 13
Tools and hardware	44 92
Ice	34 86
Damages to roofs, walls, etc	29 80
Horseshoeing	29 99
Repairs on bell towers	26 48
Repairing harness, etc	14 80
" Electrical instruments	6 20
Total amount	$6,271 63

The expenses for the corresponding period of 1875 amounted to $8,391.49, showing a decrease in favor of this year of $2,119.86.

The annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1876, was fifteen thousand ($15,000.00) dollars, while for the same period ending March 31st, 1877, it was thirteen thousand ($13,000.00) dollars, showing a retrenchment in the appropriation for this year of two thousand ($2,000.00) dollars. For several years prior to 1875 the annual appropriations for this department of the city were not less than thirteen thousand dollars, and each year these amounts were exhausted, excepting small balances, to meet the requisite demands pertaining to the same. Now, during last year an addition of fifty-two (52) miles of line or six (6) signal circuits, one hundred (100) fire-alarm signal stations, one (1) bell-striker, two hundred (200) cells of battery, and various minor extensions were added; also, one (1) battery-man added to the list of employees, making the addition equal to one-third the original size of the department prior to the year 1875, with a decrease of two thousand dollars to meet the current expenses. The

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cost of repairs incident to housetop or city telegraph, from numerous causes, such as storms, fires, grading of streets, etc., is far in excess of lines differently constructed, exclusive of labor required to execute such modifications and extensions.

The credit balance for the remainder of the fiscal year is six thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents. Should no serious accident occur to the line or heavy machinery, I hope, by the strictest economy and positive denial of the major portion of important necessities, to confine myself within the limits of the appropriation. There were one hundred and thirteen (113) alarms of fire received and sounded by telegraph during the above stated period, requiring three thousand three hundred and seventy-three blows on the bells and gongs for the correct and repeated signals of the same.

The number received and given for the corresponding period of last year was ninety-eight, showing an increase of fifteen alarms.

Thanking the various departments for the many favors granted, I am, gentlemen,

Yours, respectfully,

ERNEST HILGENDORF,

Superintendent.

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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF FUND COMMISSIONERS.

ST. LOUIS, November 25th, 1876.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned have the honor to hand you herewith a report of the transactions of the Board of Fund Commissioners, and of the assets in the Sinking Fund during the first half of the current fiscal year, from April 11th to October 9th, 1876, viz:

The Sinking Fund was in possession of the following cash and assets on April 11th, 1876:

Cash	$ 9,388 84
Coupons	595,830 00
Ohio & Mississippi Railroad bonds	100,000 00
Real estate notes	8,369 20
Total	$713,588 04

TRANSACTIONS FROM APRIL 11 TO OCTOBER 9, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

CASH WITH WHICH THE FUND HAS BEEN CHARGED.

Sept. 27, 1876, Interest on time deposit	281 66
Balance on hand Oct. 9, 1876	$713,869 70

This amount is composed of the following items:

Cash	$ 9,670 50	
Coupons	595,830 00	
Ohio & Mississippi Railroad bonds	100,000 00	
Real estate notes	8,369 20	
		713,869 70

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The resources of the Sinking Fund for the second half of the current fiscal year are estimated as follows:

Cash on hand Oct. 9, 1876	$ 9,670 50
Coupons past due (exclusive of gold premium)	102,810 00
Coupons maturing during this fiscal year (exclusive of gold premium)	95,370 00
Premium on gold coupons, about	8,710 00
General revenue appropriation for this fiscal year (ordinance 10048)	10,000 00
	$226,560 50

This amount will be applied to the purchase and retirement of St. Louis city bonds.

Very Respectfully, Board of Fund Commissioners:

H. OVERSTOLZ,
Mayor and President.

R. P. HANENKAMP,
Comptroller and Secretary.

A. GEISEL,
Treasurer.

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
ST. LOUIS, November 1st, 1876.

To the Honorable the City Council of St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with provisions of the Charter, I have the honor to submit the following semi-annual report of the Department of Public Parks:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

From April 10th to October 9th, 1876.

ARSENAL PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 166 60
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		50 00
		216 60
Improvements during present season		90 84
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$125 76

BENTON PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 40 57
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		5,500 00
		5,540 57
For old claims paid	465 75	
For improvements during present season	2,120 43	
		2,586 18
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$2,954 39

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CARR SQUARE.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 127 33
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		2,500 00
		2,627 33
Amount of old claims paid	86 40	
New improvements, etc	441 84	
		528 24
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$2,099 09

CARONDELET PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 2 02
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		500 00
		502 02
Amount of old claims paid		68 97
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$433 05

EXCHANGE SQUARE.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 33
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		250 00
		250 33
Amount of old claims paid	17 90	
Improvements during present season	180 95	
		198 85
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$51 48

GAMBLE PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 9 18
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		1,800 00
		1,809 18
Amount of old claims paid	987 70	
Improvements during present season	417 61	
		1,405 31
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$403 87

GRAVOIS PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 34 85
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		1,000 00
		1,034 85
Amount of old claims paid	136 25	
Improvements during present season	314 50	
		450 75
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$584 10

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HYDE PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 286 03
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		7,000 00
		7,286 03
Amount of old claims paid	2,720 25	
Improvements during present season	983 59	
		3,703 84
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$3,582 19

(In addition to above $2,720.25 there is yet another unsatisfied old claim of $3,163.60 to be paid out of this balance in Treasury.)

LACLEDE PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 148 57
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		1,500 00
		1,648 57
Improvements during present season		381 30
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$1,267 27

JACKSON PLACE.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 233 83
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		1,000 00
		1,233 83
Improvements, etc., during past six months		549 05
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$684 78

MISSOURI PARK.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 784 65
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		2,000 00
		2,784 65
Amount of old claims paid	117 07	
New improvements, etc	373 95	
		491 02
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$2,293 63

(In addition to above $373.95 there are some unpaid Pay-rolls and Vouchers to the amount of $376.25, on hand, awaiting the signatures of the Commissioners.)

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ST. LOUIS PLACE.

April 10—Balance from last year		$ 36 92
April 10—Second ⅓ of special appropriation		3,354 70
June 22—Annual appropriation of 1876–7		3,500 00
		6,891 62
Amount of old claims paid	5,335 77	
New improvements	1,429 84	
		6,765 61
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$126 01

WASHINGTON SQUARE.

April 10—Balance over from last year		$ 56 96
June 22—Annual appropriation for 1876–7		5,400 00
		5,456 96
Amount of old claims paid	2,028 20	
New improvements	2,236 83	
		4,265 03
Oct. 9—Balance in Treasury		$1,191 93

Thus it will be seen that out of the total annual appropriation of $32,000.00 the large amount of $15,127.86 had to be set aside for the settlement of old claims.

In view of this fact but few of the contemplated improvements could be inaugurated this season; and these few being mostly incomplete at the writing of this, a detailed account of their nature and purpose is deferred until the regular Annual Report at the close of the present fiscal year.

The revenue derived from sundry sources, and paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund, is as follows:

From Benton Park	$50 00
" Carr Square	5 00
" Gravois Park	60 00
" Hyde Park	60 50
" Laclede Park	25 50
" Missouri Park	5 85
" St. Louis Place	36 00
" Washington Square	2 00
Total	$244 85

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There is a certain element frequenting the City Parks on occasions which nothing short of the presence of a "uniform" can restrain from acts of indecorum and vandalism, and thanks are due to the Police Department for the ready acquiescence to a request from this department to station special officers at the most popular of these places of resort. Hence, a universal good behavior, and but few arrests have been reported by the Park-keepers. I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THEO. C. LINK,

Sup't Public Parks.

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